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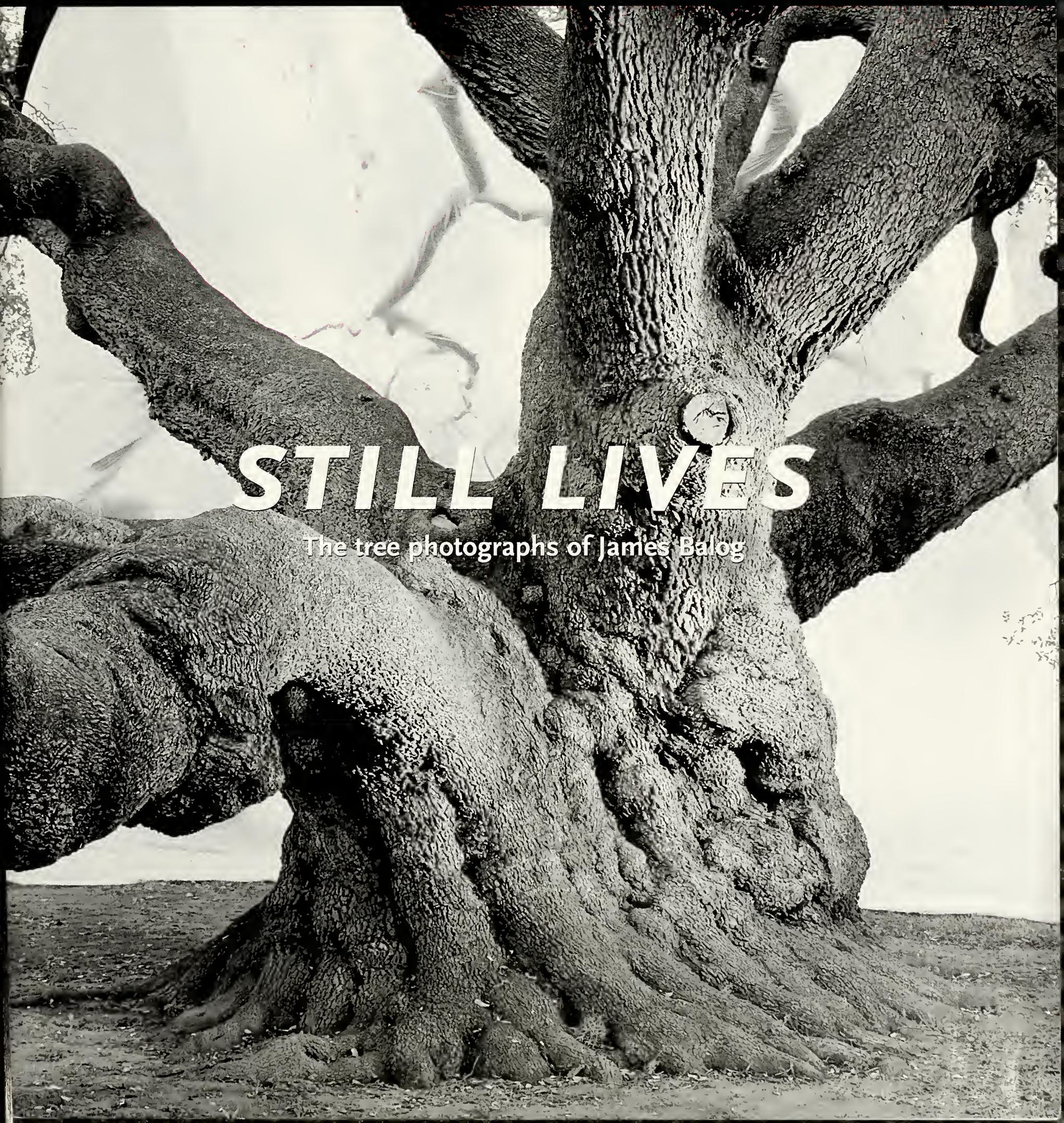
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## STILL LIVES

The tree photographs of James Balog



# Ulmus

Three elms came with our house. They came as a surprise, like the mummified squirrel under the built-in cabinet in the pantry, the dust-covered wheelchair in a corner of the cellar, and the photograph that floated free when we gutted the kitchen: a black and white print of a bosomy woman with a fifties hairdo, her arms around two brush-cut boys, one grinning, one plotting murder.

It was winter when we moved into our house on a dead-end street, and the elms were on a 20-foot-wide patch of soil at the bottom of the road, about 50 feet tall, their collective crowns stretching over roofs, including mine. I didn't know what trees they were; nor did I know that they were ours, that the street was a private way, never adopted by the town, and therefore the responsibility of its abutters.

I learned about the private way when the town's trucks didn't show up to plow snow. And I figured out the trees in the spring, when they leafed out. A few months later I had Chris come by to look at trimming some limbs that had overgrown my roof. "Not too many of these around," he said, touching one of the trees like you'd lay a hand on a horse's flank. He was an arborist with the hair and moustache of a Doobie Brother, a battered dump truck, and a felt slouch hat with a feather in the band that he wore as he climbed trees—a magic helmet, I thought. "Maybe they're hiding here," I said. "It's possible," he shrugged.

Maybe. Dutch elm disease, or DED as it's piquantly abbreviated in the literature, is caused by an Asian fungus, *Ophiostoma ulmi*, that landed in the United States about 1930 in a shipment of logs from Europe and that has since been moving from elm to elm through contiguous root systems and on the body of the elm bark beetle. Either distribution method requires relative proximity between infected and healthy trees, and both roots and beetles move slowly, which is why the last large scale battles between elm parasite and elm preserver are being fought today in distant (from the East Coast) redoubts in the Upper Midwest.

The trees at the end of my street, while not in Duluth, were proximate to no other elms and probably had not been for at least 20 years, the local stock having been annihilated during the 1960s and 1970s, because *Ulmus americana*, as it happens, has no defense against *Ophiostoma ulmi*, and the elm bark beetle, with its habit of grubbing up in dead trees so its progeny can move on to live ones, is a nearly perfect DED vector. Moreover, many American towns, mine included, had pridefully planted roadsides with fast-growing elms that joined branches up and down and across the

streets, forming, in time, a fully loaded petri dish miles long.

My elms (no one else on the street was interested in them) did fine for a while. They dropped seeds in spring and leaves in fall, and once in a while Chris clambered up a trunk to take a chain saw to an obtrusive limb. Sometimes, yanking the elm seedlings that anchored themselves in my garden beds, I allowed myself to imagine that I had blundered into possession of a variety of *Ulmus americana* so invulnerable that it could develop into an annoyance.

The first sign of trouble was a branch with dead pendant leaves one day in July six years ago. Then another branch "flagged." The way DED works is that the fungus clots the capillary system beneath the bark, preventing the movement of water upward from the roots. Where the fungus sets up home determines what dies above or below, but since you can't see the clots or map a tree's pipelines, the death of an elm by DED unfolds like a series of small strokes in a human being. One day it's one thing, and the next day it's something else on the other side. My trees were deadwood in two years. Whether they were struck by DED remains a question. Some experts looked up and said yes. Some said no, but that another disease or drought was responsible. Elms, it happens, are "so fallible," in the mournful phrasing of the horticultural eminence Michael Dirr.

It's been four years since I had them taken down, I haven't planted anything in the vacancy. For one thing, I'm not sure what I want to put in. I think of one thing and then another, none of which replace the elms. And the privet that long shivered in the elm shade is thriving, "loving that sun," as Chris said with pleasure last time he came by.

Chris still has his hat, but he's lost the hair and has a wife and young daughter and a new truck. I'd called him to trim out some fading choke cherries that border my backyard. On the walk down the driveway, he noticed a reedy young elm, about 20 feet tall, growing alongside the fence. It could be trouble someday, heaving driveway and fence, casting leaves into roof gutters, dying young and costing good money to remove. We stood looking at it. "You want me to take that out?" he said. "Nah," I said, "I'll deal with it." I didn't mention that I'd been tending it a bit, cutting out suckers, pulling sweetbriar vine from the branches. That was last spring. I'm betting it hits 30 feet this summer. I'm not thinking about what happens next.

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Ben Birnbaum

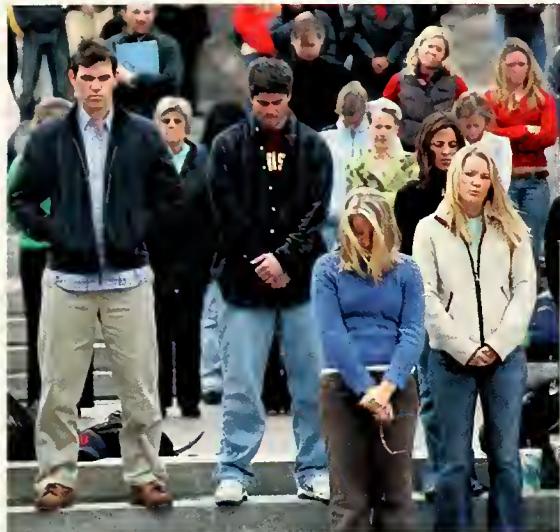
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### MR. SMITH

As a member of BC's administrative staff back in the 1970s, I had the good fortune to work with John Smith ("Wise Guy," *Linden Lane*, Winter 2005). We all tend to celebrate visionary leaders, but behind each one is someone like John, ever alert to the risks and opportunities of the here and now. Every successful organization I have seen in the past 25 years has had a John Smith somewhere— plainspoken, passionate, and always on the lookout for open manholes.

COLEMAN J. SULLIVAN '71

*Cary, North Carolina*

### PUBLIC OPINION

"Executive Session" (Winter 2005) was enjoyable and informative, save for the outrageous statement of Jack Beatty that George Bush and Dick Cheney have spoken "systematic falsehoods" to the public beyond compare with anything John Kerry may have uttered. Mr. Beatty is certainly entitled to his opinion, but for *BCM* to publish this tripe is beyond excuse.

CHARLES E. CHASE JD'68

*Dedham, Massachusetts*

### OREGON DISPUTE

"Remote Access" (*Church21*, Winter 2005) states that my diocese "has been roiled by clerical sexual abuse charges and accusations that a sitting bishop ignored the abuse." To set the record straight: Bishop Robert Vasa (Baker, Oregon) put forth a list of Catholic teachings in a pastoral letter entitled "Giving Testimony to the Truth." He will require all persons involved in parish ministry to sign it in order to

continue in their ministry. The required affirmations include "the Church's teaching that any extramarital sexual relationships are gravely evil and that these include premarital relations, masturbation, fornication, the viewing of pornography, and homosexual relations." He has polarized our diocese. Many good people have left the Church here; many others have left their ministries.

PAM DIDENTE P'06

*Bend, Oregon*

### SOURCE NOTE

In reading William Bole's "Extra Credit" (*Linden Lane*, Winter 2005), I take exception to the characterization of Leonard Peltier as an "imprisoned Native American activist"—the implication being that somehow his imprisonment was related to his political activism. A jury convicted Peltier of the cold-blooded, execution-style murders of two FBI agents. I am at a loss to understand how his background gives him credibility as a commentator on social change, in a college seminar at Boston College. I hope the class discussing Peltier's essay was made aware of the heinous nature of his crimes.

GERALD J. MONTANARI JD'67

*Marshfield, Massachusetts*

### ONCE A STAR

Re Ben Birnbaum's "Accordion Dreams" (*Prologue*, Winter 2005): There is nothing extravagant about the claims that Guido Deiro coined the name piano accordion and that he was the first to play the instrument on the vaudeville stage, make recordings, and appear in a sound picture featuring the instrument. The proofs can be found in the Guido Deiro Archive at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York and also at [guidodeiro.com](http://guidodeiro.com).

The years haven't been kind to the accordion. My father was treated like a rock star in his time. *Variety* had him as the highest-paid instrumentalist in vaudeville at \$600 a week in 1910.

COUNT GUIDO DEIRO  
*Las Vegas, Nevada*

*Editor's Note:* Two students were misidentified in a photo caption on page 12 of the Winter 2005 issue (*Linden Lane*, "Student Rms W/Vu. Brand Nu"). The students in the bottom-left photograph are juniors Angela Cortes (left) and Kathleen Chunes.

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Prejean with students in Burns Library: "You rarely see rich people rotting on death row."

# Life force

## A DAY WITH SISTER PREJEAN

Dressed casually in dark slacks and a loose-fitting white-linen shirt, Helen Prejean, CSJ, walked into the wood-paneled Thompson Room on the second floor of Burns Library and, in her easy New Orleans drawl, began introducing herself. The 30 or so students who were there to meet her for lunch had already lined up for the buffet, so she walked down the length of it, shaking hands as if it were a receiving line. She assuaged shyness with quips and jokes: Southerners received approval for their accents; Bostonians were chastised for theirs; a student wearing a T-shirt with an anti-death-penalty slogan was asked to hold it taut to display its message. "*An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind,*" Prejean read aloud. "I like it."

The noted anti-death-penalty activist, Prejean had been in Australia, Texas, California, and North Carolina in the previous eight days, speaking before audiences and signing her new book, *The Death of Innocents*. On the evening of March 16, she was to deliver the Prophetic Voices of the Church Lecture sponsored annually by BC's Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life. Now she was going to spend an hour with a select group of students invited by the Boisi Center.

Plate in hand, Prejean surveyed the room's tables, then chose to sit at one already nearly filled with students. When everyone in the room was seated, she stood. "Our time together is precious," she said, "I'll start with a brief version of my story. Then I want to hear from you."

Prejean began with an account of her first visit, as a 42-year-old Sister of St. Joseph, to Patrick Sonnier on Louisiana's death row. Sonnier and his brother Eddie had brutalized and killed a teenage couple, each with shots to the back of the head. Eddie, who later admitted to pulling the trigger, is serving life in prison. Patrick Sonnier was executed by the state in 1984; Prejean's relationship with him was the focus of her first book, *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States* (1993).

"I had always held faith in the legal system. I figured people reaped what they sowed," said Prejean. But as she began to look more deeply into issues of crime and punishment and the circumstances of Sonnier's case, she discovered, she said,

that "who lives and who doesn't" is not "just about guilt. . . . When I started spending time with poor people, I saw a direct path to death row," Prejean said, describing a route from hopelessness to drugs and crime to violence to murder and finally to the public defender. "You rarely see rich people rotting on death row."

When Prejean opened the floor to questions, Michael Del Ponte '05, a theology major and member of BC's Global Justice Project, an activist organization of students and faculty, asked her why she had chosen the death penalty as her mission. "There are so many other pressing social justice issues," he said.

"What I've discovered," she answered, is that the death penalty "is a paradigm for all violence"—for war, terrorism, street crime. "It doesn't work. It keeps us from looking at the underlying problems."

"What about the victims' families?" a young woman at a neighboring table followed up. "How do you balance your advocacy for prisoners with the grieving families?"

For Prejean, the answer was best told in a story. At a public appearance some years ago, she'd described Derrick Todd Lee, a Louisiana serial killer on death row. Every human being, even a serial killer, she'd said, is worth more than his worst act. A woman stood up in the front row and said, "My beautiful daughter was killed by Derrick Todd Lee, and I want to see him dead."

"I let her talk as long as she wanted," said Prejean, noting that years ago this encounter

would have been her nightmare: "I was not always brave in the face of other people's pain. . . . I've learned you have to be able to stand in the presence of it." When the mother had finished speaking, Prejean said only this: "I don't think anyone in this room can understand the pain you're in now. And everyone can understand that you want him dead because of it."

The students too seemed to understand. "For most people, vengeance is the natural reaction," said Michael Hemak '05, a biochemistry major and a member of 4Boston, a student-run service organization sponsored by the Office of Campus Ministry. "But most of us don't act," he said, "so why do most people accept the death penalty?"

Prejean responded: "We live in little bubbles of people who are like us," she said. "When I talk to poor people and people of color, I just blow on the coals and they get how unjust the [capital punishment] system is. . . . As I get farther up the economic scale, I have to build a whole fire, starting with the twigs, and straw."

She cited Justice Thurgood Marshall, who called support of capital punishment "an unreflected opinion." "That is why I'm here today," she said. "And I'm betting, that is why you're here too."

PREJEAN'S evening lecture was set to begin at 7:00 P.M., and by 6:45 Robsham Theater's 600 seats were filled. Heather Gatenrek, a senior and member of the Community of Sant'Egidio, the Catholic prayer and service group that helped arrange Prejean's

visit, introduced Prejean.

As she had at the student luncheon, Prejean leavened her message with humor, amped up a notch for the larger crowd. She began with the story of how *Dead Man Walking*, "a little book by a nun," made it to Hollywood. The actress Susan Sarandon, taken with the story, had contacted Prejean and asked if they could meet.

"Now, I'd never seen any of her films, so I went out and rented *Thelma and Louise*," said Prejean. "The whole movie, I'm following Geena Davis's character, who, as you know, is that ditzy one who does all that stupid stuff. . . . So when Susan walks in, I said, 'Oh thank you, Jesus, she's Louise.'"

Then Prejean's tone grew serious. The film was not just a story about her work against the death penalty, she told the audience; it was a story about the power of finding your passion. "I thought it was enough just to pray for the poor. . . . It certainly was a lot easier." But there is no such thing as being apolitical, she said. Silence affirms the status quo. "To become impassioned was the best gift ever."

Afterwards Kevin Collins '05 described his reaction: "Sr. Prejean is an ordinary person who's made a choice to fight. I feel like she was telling us that's who we are, or who we could be." Then Collins added, "It's easy to separate yourself from the 'extraordinary' people out there. But it's also easy to get on board with ordinary people doing extraordinary things. It's inspiring."

Cara Feinberg

Prejean's talk can be viewed at [www.bc.edu/frontrow](http://www.bc.edu/frontrow).

# THE IRISH CLASSIFIEDS

A lost-and-found for the American migration

*Patrick McDermott, a Native of the County Kildare, and who was married in Kingston, near Dublin, is hereby informed that his wife and four children have arrived in Boston. They understand that he left Roxbury, in this State, about twelve months since, to obtain work as a stone mason; they are extremely anxious to hear from him. He is hereby requested to write or come for his poor family, to this city, as soon as possible.*

BOSTON PILOT, October 1, 1831

For 90 years, from 1831 to 1921, the *Boston Pilot* newspaper published a weekly column entitled "Missing Friends."

The column was a string of paid advertisements, and it became in effect a compendium of Irish immigrants being sought by relatives, friends, associates, and creditors (willing and unwilling). In brief paragraphs, Irish men and women living in the mother country and on this side of the Atlantic would describe a vanished spouse, an adult or juvenile child, a brother or sister, a neighbor or business acquaintance who'd left Ireland for America, and perhaps established a new life there, before all contact was lost.

The *Pilot* published more than 31,000 such notices, and they have been catalogued by Boston College researchers. Most are now available through a BC website called Information Wanted (words that began many of the adver-



Aili MacNally '05 (foreground) explores BC's new Information Wanted database on opening day in Burns Library.

tisements). The database is open to scholars and the public, sponsored jointly by the Irish Studies Program and the Office of Marketing Communications.

"Ties of community and family could be broken, but the searches represent the tremendous effort that family and friends made to reconstitute in America what they had lost in leaving Ireland," says Ruth-Ann Harris, a part-time Irish Studies faculty member and the guiding force behind the "Missing Friends" project. Harris began the project while she was an assistant professor at Northeastern University, working in collaboration with several BC faculty, and she continued developing it when she started teaching at Boston College in 1993. With North-

eastern professor Donald M. Jacobs and graduate student B. Emer O'Keeffe, she co-edited *The Search for Missing Friends: Irish Immigrant Advertisements Placed in the Boston Pilot*, an eight-volume set published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society beginning in 1989, which includes a detailed analysis of data compiled from the column.

Harris knows something of leaving family and home for uncertain surroundings. Born in Liberia of English parents, she was sent to London as a small child at the outbreak of World War II, only to be caught up in the Blitz, the Nazi campaign that at one point rained bombs on London for 57 straight nights. The barely school-age Harris

was relocated to Canada, where she stayed for five years until she could be reunited with her parents. "I suppose that's a major reason why I've always been interested in people and why they move," mused Harris during a recent interview. "When you collect immigration stories, having one of your own gives you a certain insight."

WHEN THE Irish set out in droves for the United States in the early 19th century, Harris says, an international postal system was only just emerging, making it difficult for émigrés to keep in touch with people they left behind. Botched plans and missed connections often resulted. In 1831, for instance, the stonemason Patrick McDermott's wife and four children sailed for Boston to reunite with him, only to find that he had left the area about a year before in search of work. The Alien (Immigration) Commissioner sought information on McDermott through an ad in the *Pilot*, the presumption being that if he did not turn up soon his indigent family would be returned to Ireland. The Commission's notice launched the "Missing Friends" column. And the column transformed the newspaper from a slow-selling communicator of Catholic doctrine to a must-read, complete with coverage of Irish politics and an audience from Boston to Ireland to Australia.

Entries in "Missing Friends" were usually spare and formulaic; the three dollars it cost to place an ad represented a sizeable chunk of most immigrants' weekly income. Often the notices gave little more than the missing person's name, birthplace, known destination, and some distinguishing characteristic, such as occupation or physical appearance. Yet in some advertisements the ache of separation came across.

John Lillis in February 1855 sought his 12-year-old daughter, Catherine: She had sailed from Liverpool aboard the *John Bright*; the ship had reached New York City in January; "uneasy parents await news." Catherine Connell Bennis sought her husband, William, in October 1859, or at least word of him: "Supp. enlisted" in the Army in New

Orleans—"dead or alive?"

Patrick Fitzpatrick, a self-described "much afflicted husband," sought the whereabouts of his wife, Mary, in 1849: "She left her lawful husband and came to America," and was believed to be living in Worcester with "one Bryan Laihy, blacksmith. . . . She is about five feet high, thin favored, black hair . . . light delicate complexion, with a small mole on the forehead. There are three spots of indelible ink in the form of a triangle upon one of her hands. She walks with a prompt and active gait." The actual texts of the ads are not yet available online; the notices appear as summaries. BC's O'Neill and Burns libraries house most back issues of the *Pilot*. The New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston also possesses an extensive collection.

Harris says she has come to appreciate the literary as well as the historical and demographic qualities of the *Pilot's* advertisements. "These are, for the most part, unending stories," she says. The *Pilot* "claimed, 'More than three-fourths of those advertised for are found,' and the fact that the column ran for 90 years suggests it was successful. Some people did submit ads saying they had located the person they were looking for. But we don't always know if the parents found their young child, or if she was safe and healthy, or whether couples that were reunited lived happily ever after."

Even so, the information in "Missing Friends" has proven immensely valuable to historians. Harris has focused her studies on labor and immigration trends. "Many immi-

gration records from that era were not especially precise," she says. "A passenger might be identified as being from Ireland, but nothing more specific; or if the ship stopped in or originated from England, the passenger might even be identified as English."

According to Harris, the information in the *Pilot* notices is useful as well to amateur genealogists seeking information on family members or hoping "to learn more about the 19th-century world of their ancestors."

The Information Wanted website was launched on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, with a ceremony in the John J. Burns Library. The site can be found at [infowanted.bc.edu](http://infowanted.bc.edu).

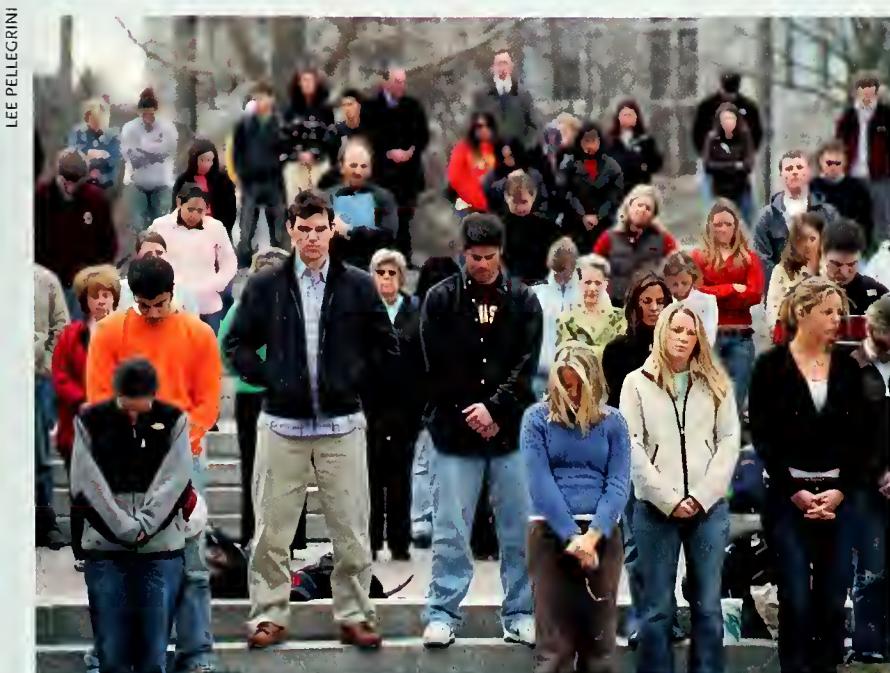
Sean Smith

Sean Smith is editor of the Boston College Chronicle.



**HOME BASE**—On February 3, members of the Retired Faculty Association met for the dedication of the John D. Donovan Retired Faculty Suite. Located on the top floor of the University's newest administration building, 21 Campanella Way, the suite includes three computer-equipped offices and a large lounge. Pictured, from left, are Jean Mooney, a professor in the education department from 1971 to 2003, and John Donovan, the suite's namesake. Donovan, professor emeritus and cofounder of the sociology department, taught at BC from 1952 to 1999. He helped establish the Retired Faculty Association in 2003; it now includes more than 125 members.

# “THE ONLY POPE WE EVER KNEW”



The words of the late John Paul II carried across O'Neill Plaza in the amplified voice of student after student during a memorial service held the day of his death, April 4:

On my knees I beg you to turn away from the paths of violence and return to the ways of peace. (Northern Ireland, 1979)

Radical changes in world politics leave America with a heightened responsibility to be for the world an example of a genuinely free, democratic, just, and humane society.

Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you.

It is unbecoming for a cardinal to ski badly.

On an afternoon variously hot in the sun and chill in the shadows, University President William P. Leahy, SJ, told the 500 students, faculty, and staff gathered on the plaza that John Paul II “showed us how to live with faith and hope—and in recent weeks how to die with trust and confidence. . . . He was ever the pilgrim, moving through life, preaching in word and deed.”

Afterward, students formed lines to pen messages in memorial books honoring, as sophomore Melissa Pelletier told a *BC Chronicle* reporter, “the only pope we ever knew.”

In the ensuing weeks, and well after the selection of Benedict XVI as the successor pope, Boston College historians, theologians, and academics from other disciplines served as a source of informed Catholic perspective for the national media. “It is hard to list all the things [John Paul II] will be remembered for,” theologian Harvey Egan, SJ, told the *Boston Herald*. “His fidelity to Church doctrines. His courageous stance against communism. His incredible eloquence and firm adherence to morality. His near rock-star status. He’s a truly historic pope.”

O'Neill Plaza, noon, April 4. The memorial books will be housed at the Office of Campus Ministry together with the annual Books of the Names of the Dead, commemorating members of the BC community.

# NEUTRAL TERRITORY

At age 50, BC's Citizen Seminars remain a place to work through Boston's problems

Back in the middle 1950s, Boston had a bad case of urban malaise, with traffic-choked streets, economic stagnation, punishing real estate tax assessments, rusting railroad yards, rotting piers, a filthy harbor, decaying buildings, and a staggering loss of population. These mutually reinforcing symptoms were exacerbated, if not caused, by a famously divisive political culture. Republicans didn't talk to Democrats. Catholics didn't talk to Protestants. Yankee business owners and managers didn't talk to Irish-American labor leaders and politicians. Between 1915 and the early 1960s, while most big-city downtowns were expanding skyward, only one office building of any size went up in Boston, and at 26 stories it wasn't much of a skyscraper.

Into this unhappy situation stepped W. Seavey Joyce, SJ, then dean of Boston College's fledgling business school. A policeman's son from Boston's Dorchester neighborhood who nevertheless had friends among the business elite, Joyce founded the Boston College Citizen Seminars (BCCS) and brought the city's business, political, and labor leaders to the Chestnut Hill campus to hash over common problems and afterwards to chat over drinks and dinner. "It was the first time these people had ever . . . fought together, presented views to one another, and



Boston's Menino and BC's Leahy at the anniversary lunch

maybe at the end said, 'He isn't such a bad guy,'" said Thomas H. O'Connor, the University historian, who spoke at a March 30 lunch celebrating the seminars' 50th anniversary. According to O'Connor, proposals for many now-familiar features of Boston's physical and civic landscape—the Hynes Convention Center, the Prudential Center, Government Center, the Downtown Crossing pedestrian mall, the revitalized theater district, expanded rapid-transit lines, the Massachusetts Port

Authority, and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council—were conceived, unveiled, or at the least given early airings at the seminars, which also provided the social lubricant to help these projects along.

There's no question that the seminars drew people with the clout to get the job done. Speakers and panelists in the first 15 years included every Boston mayor and every Massachusetts governor, along with U.S. Senators John F. Kennedy, Harrison Williams, and Claiborne Pell. The heads

of Boston's teamsters and longshoremen's locals and the CEOs of Gillette, Bank of Boston, Stop & Shop, and other local corporations spoke and debated at the seminars, too, as did intellectuals like John Kenneth Galbraith, Lewis Mumford, John Updike, and Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

In 1964, a decade after the first seminar, *Globe* reporter A. S. Plotkin plausibly asserted that the central city was probably "over the worst of its long crises of erosion." And in 1969, James McCormack, a

former president of Boston's chamber of commerce, told the *Globe* that the so-called New Boston, the forward-looking, shiny, business-friendly city that was more and more in evidence as the decade ended, had gotten its start at the seminars.

AT THE END of his talk, O'Connor invited the audience, some 300 of the city's leaders from government, business, academia, and nonprofit agencies, to emulate the crowd at the early seminars by taking on the challenges facing today's Boston. The speakers who followed O'Connor to the podium, including headliner Mayor Thomas Menino, took up the theme, identifying challenges such as global and domestic business competition; high housing costs; public schools of uneven quality; the loss of population in the state, if not in Boston proper; and the loss of important civic leaders as a result of corporate takeovers from afar (most recently, the absorption of home-grown Gillette by Ohio's Procter & Gamble and the purchase of local Fleet Bank by North Carolina's Bank of America).

Standing against a backdrop of sun and blue water—the lunch was held downtown in a banquet room facing the harbor—Menino touted Boston's gains in housing construction (nearly 8,000 new units approved in three years, with another 10,000, some 20 percent of them affordable, expected by 2007) and the city's education goals, including plans for a full day of school for all four-year-olds and for subdividing high schools into

smaller, more effective "learning centers."

"I don't mind being the leader," he said at one point, "I just can't be the loner"—presumably a call for the state legislature to help out. Menino blamed "unfair loopholes" in the state's tax code for the city's excessively heavy dependence on property taxes—a problem that recalled, though Menino didn't mention it, the tax-assessment woes of the 1950s, which were heatedly debated at the first few citizen seminars.

Menino was followed by a panel discussion led by Paul Grogan, president of the Boston Foundation, a research and advocacy organization. When it came to the question of who will lead 21st-century Boston, panelist Linda Whitlock, president of the city's Boys & Girls Clubs, said, "We need to define leadership far more broadly [to include] individuals who are much younger, less well-off, and more colorful—you know, melanin in their skin—than most people in this room." (While men at the lunch had a small numerical edge over women, Caucasians had a huge edge over everyone else.) Pointing to the increasing time demands of work and family, Whitlock also argued that "civic culture relies too much on face-to-face meetings." Where such meetings are absolutely needed, she said, "they need to be very time-specific, very focused."

Judging from the words of panelist Paul La Camera, MBA'83, president of WCVB-TV, Whitlock's vision for the future was already being borne out by events. Multi-ethnic leadership, he said, is "a natural scenario for conflict, but I

don't think that's necessarily going to be the case" in today's Boston. He pointed to the recent primary-election victory of Haitian-American Linda Dorcena Forry '98, who is running for the seat vacated by former Massachusetts House Speaker Thomas Finneran, JD'78. "It ignited and excited that community, and the whole city," said La Camera. "This generation isn't going to be burdened with the kind of playacting that burdened the past."

On the matter of out-of-town and overseas business competition, panelist Ranch Kimball, Massachusetts secretary of economic development, also evoked the city's past, saying, "One of our weaknesses is a little bit of the old Yankee 'Hub' mentality. We don't engage the rest of the world as much as we should." When out-of-town businesses send representatives to look into doing business in Boston, "they feel the culture here envelops them and kills them," Kimball groused. "Massachusetts is the slowest state in the nation to grant permits for new businesses—not by a bit but by a factor of four."

LIKE THE CITY it serves, the BCCS has encountered some rough patches in its 50 years. In the 1980s, attendance at the seminars was down compared to earlier years, and the discussions were less likely to result in action. Groups with similar goals, such as the Vault, a business coalition started in 1959, had come into existence, increasingly drawing people, particularly powerful people, away from BCCS.

Then, Peter Rollins, execu-

tive director of BC's office of corporate and government affairs, who has overseen the seminars since 1992, forged a partnership among the seminars, the Boston Foundation, and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), a public agency that got its start as an offshoot of the early seminars. These days, the presence of representatives from the nonprofit sector is more marked than in the 1950s, Rollins said, and the BCCS's role "has changed, from bringing people together with [a preordained] agenda to being a catalyst for bringing people together and letting them generate the agenda."

Marc Draisent, MAPC's executive director, said he uses the seminars as a source of inspiration and as a sounding board for the council's regional plans and as a recruiting pool for its volunteer task forces. The Boston Foundation, for its part, unveils its biennial *Indicators Report*—which tracks economic, demographic, educational, and other trends—at the BCCS. Findings from the 2005 report will provide grist for discussion at four upcoming seminars, says the foundation's Charlotte Kahn, who explained that "there are almost no venues like [BCCS] in Greater Boston—very few ways to bring people together across sectors to reflect on key challenges and opportunities and devise strategies to address them. The seminars played that role 50 years ago, and they are as needed today as they were then."

David Reich

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# Flower power

An interview with Daffodil Judge Andrew Armstrong '05

**How does a Texas outdoorsman become a daffodil enthusiast?**

We call it yellow fever. I'm a third-generation grower. My grandmother did it for many years, and so did my dad. I got involved in kindergarten.

**Is your daffodil passion noticeable to the naked eye?**

Probably not.

I have a few little things in my dorm room—maybe a notepad with a daffodil on it, or a decal from a show I entered on my bulletin board. My majors are theology and history—no horticulture.

**Who wields influence in the daffodil world?**

There are daffodil societies all over the world that hold competitive shows. The American Daffodil Society holds a national show and convention every year in a different place. For me, as a kid, the best thing was getting to travel to that. Then there are local societies, which also hold shows. The biggest societies are in places like Virginia, Baltimore, the mid-Atlantic, as well as the Central Ohio Valley and the Pacific Northwest.

A lot of it is about climate. One of the best places in the world for daffodils is Northern Ireland. The climate there is cool, with lots of water and a long spring.



Armstrong: "You bring your flowers to a staging room and figure out your strategy."

**How do daffodils rate among serious flower growers?**

It depends whom you talk to.

Some flowers are more labor-intensive—roses have to be pruned, orchids are very delicate. But there are thousands of different types of daffodils, in many more colors than yellow. And there are 13 different divisions: some have multiple florets per stem, others have split and double cups. Often when strangers look at them, they can't believe they're daffodils.

**What is a typical show like?**

If we're showing, we might bring hundreds of flowers, or we might bring three—usually stuck in glass Coke or beer bottles, the preferred method of transport. You'll see people whose cars are full of wooden cases of Coke bottles. You bring your flowers to a staging room and figure out your strategy: what flowers to enter in what classes and whether you want to do collections, which are much more difficult and prestigious. If I enter a

single daffodil, it has to be blue-ribbon quality. For a collection, I have to enter five to 24 flowers, and they all have to be blue-ribbon quality. We put each flower in a test tube and arrange it with English boxwood.

**Does the competition ever get cutthroat?**

In the staging room, if someone thinks you're walking too close to his entries he might stare you down. Or at the last minute, if I notice that some-

one else enters a better flower in my class, I might go pull my flower and see where else I can enter it, maybe against weaker competition.

#### Is it hard to become a daffodil judge?

The process usually takes two to three years. Local societies sponsor schools, and there aren't many. Three courses are required, each lasting an entire day. Then there are two tests: You have to identify over 100 different daffodils, and you have to student-judge three shows. Judges are also required to grow over 100 different types of daffodils. And they have to win a blue ribbon at least once every three years.

I was certified in my junior year in high school. At the time, I was the youngest-ever daffodil judge in the country.

#### Are you involved at all in hybridization?

My dad and I have tried several times. It usually takes three to five years from the time you get a seed to the time you get a brand-new bloom. Then it's usually two or three years before you get a bulb. So it takes about seven years to find out if you made a mistake, and then another seven to correct it.

#### How have people in your daily life reacted to your daffodil life?

In elementary school, it was cool. Instead of an apple on the teacher's desk, I'd often

leave a Coke bottle with daffodils in it. In sixth grade, I probably stopped advertising what I did. Around then, I joined the football team, and I played all through high school. Over time, the reactions got more positive.

#### And now?

When girls find out, they usually give me hugs and think it's the greatest thing. Unless it's a girlfriend. Then she thinks it's cool, but doesn't want other people to know. Of course, my roommates give me a hard time, but that's okay. Between my shaving my legs for bike races and the daffodils, they have a lot of material.

#### Are there many other young

#### men out there showing daffodils?

There are more guys than you'd think, but it is predominantly women over 40—or 50—maybe 60. It depends on the society. Some are tea and crumpety, some aren't.

#### Will you do any shows this year?

I am only doing one show because I am pursuing a bid to the nationals in collegiate cycling. But I recently gave a talk to the Chestnut Hill Gardening Club. There were 20 or 30 ladies there who wanted to find out about daffodils.

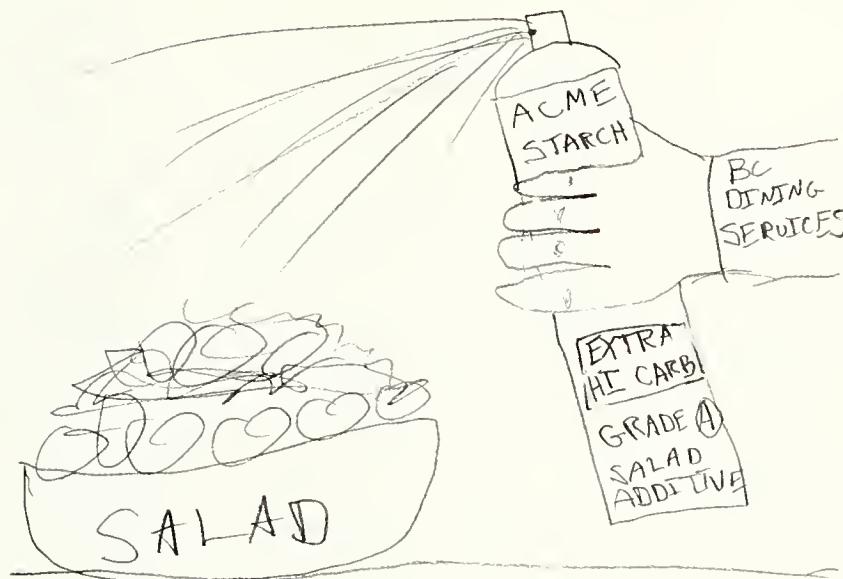
#### They must have loved you.

You could say it went over well.

*Cara Feinberg*

## FOOD COURT

### Pass the Grade D meat, please



Last year, BC's award-winning Dining Services department launched a "myth busters" campaign. After asking students to reveal their unkindest beliefs about campus culinary practices, the staff printed the charges and their responses on posters for dining hall walls.

The most referenced concerns were that:

- Food preparers secretly spray salad-bar lettuce with a tasteless and odorless starch to provide supplemental nourishment to dieting students, and particularly to women who may be suffering from eating disorders.
- Staff add laxatives (tasteless and odorless) to food in order

to (a) encourage students to eat more frequently and spend more money in the dining halls, or (b) reduce the risk of food poisoning by the prophylactic measure of speeding all food through student bodies.

- Dining Services prepares "Grade D" meat, which the U.S. government deems unfit

for human consumption, but which BC buys to cut costs.

In its responses, Dining Services noted that it does not put additives or drugs in any food it serves and that it purchases only USDA prime or choice cuts of meat. The posting helpfully added that "Grade D" meat does not in fact exist, because meat is not graded alphabetically.

Asked whether the campaign had changed student perceptions, Dining Services director Helen Wechsler said, "Urban legends have a life of their own. You squash one and another appears."

*Paul Voosen*

# DOUBLE TAKE

## Growing up Asian-American

Amid steaming plates of chicken yellow curry, saag paneer, and beef bulgogi at BC's third annual APAHM (Asian Pacific American Heritage Month) dinner, talk among students at one table turned to "twinkies"—to the identity problem, the risk of becoming yellow-on-the-outside-and-white-on-the-inside, of assimilating to the point of self-abnegation. Every Asian-American at the table acknowledged it as one of the hazards they face in negotiating two cultures.

"You're American in the eyes of Asians. You're Asian in the eyes of Americans. You're both, but neither," said Jina Moon '06. "You're in limbo."

The challenges of dual identity and cultural straddling echoed in discussions throughout Gasson 100 that early April evening among more than 150 students and faculty. "You can be rejected by Americans for not being white enough. You can be rejected by your own cultural group for not being ethnic enough," said author Arar Han '03, who gave the dinner's keynote address, on the expression of Asian-American identity through art. Han returned to the BC campus from across the river in Cambridge, where she works as a research associate at the Harvard Business School.

The mostly undergraduate, Asian-American audience may not have read every essay in Han's *Asian American X: An*

*Intersection of 21st Century Asian American Voices* (2004), the book that she, as co-editor, began in her first year at Boston College. But they seemed familiar enough with the material. Around the room, heads nodded as Han recounted remarks often born of racial stereotyping—observations about "excellent" English skills, presumptions about SAT scores, inquiries about where one is "really" from—the insinuations of "otherness" that Han says accumulate "and affect people like us who are educated and socialized in the United States, who think of ourselves as American, but are somehow not accepted as Americans."

The immigration policies of the last century and the current demographics of Asian-America, Han said, have conspired to produce "a new sociopolitical moment," marked by an unprecedented cohort of young, educated Asian-Americans seeking to define their identity collectively as well as individually. "If we are not what the stereotypes depict, then who are we?" she asked her audience. It's a question Han began pondering after reading, in 2001, a controversial article published in the *Harvard Crimson* that upbraided Asian-Americans for reinforcing stereotypes of passivity. Her quest for an answer led to the collection of auto-biographical essays by young Asian-Americans that she and

John Hsu, a friend at Harvard, co-edited and published through the University of Michigan Press. Han hopes the book will spark "a nationwide dialogue" and encourage more Asian-Americans to explore their identity through what she termed autoethnographic art—expressions that are part autobiography, part social critique.

Surveying the history of social discrimination against Asians in the United States, Han traced the various Asian-American stereotypes, from industrious immigrant to wartime threat to model minority. She showed images in PowerPoint of 19th-century magazine covers, 20th-century photographs, and 21st-century billboards and T-shirts that cast Asians in well-worn and confining molds. She also incriminated recent affronts such as the "Tsunami Song," a music mix played on a New York radio station that mocked the drowning of "screaming chinks" in last year's disaster.

The students in the audience, who were there in part to raise funds for victims of the tsunami, recounted in small group discussions their own experiences with epithets: Being called a "nigger" in an all-white kindergarten classroom in Maine. A "twinkie" in a middle-school hallway in Atlanta. "Foreigner" or "chink" on the sidewalks of Commonwealth Avenue and the campus of Boston College.

"BC is not as diverse and not always as tolerant as people like to think," said Romeo Ymalay '06.

AUTOETHNOGRAPHY has been a constant form in American literature, according to Associate English Professor Min Song, who teaches a course on Asian-American literature. The first Asian-American memoir was probably "Leaves from the Mental Portfolio of an Eurasian," by Sui Sin Far (pen name of the half-Chinese Edith Maud Eaton), published in the magazine *Independent* in 1909. The form, Song says, is a particularly challenging one for young "Double-As."

"It's a persistent struggle for Asian-Americans to write as Americans," says Song. "The Asian-American is seen as the perennial foreigner, who can never quite prove his identity as an American." The 35 essays in Han's *Asian American X*, written by a cross section of Asian-American university students (including one graduate of Boston College, Duncan Zheng '02), bear this out. They are often defiant, angst-driven explorations of a self under construction and in many ways under siege. Though the essays chronicle struggles that are deeply personal and frequently idiosyncratic, each illuminates a journey of self-discovery that is both distinctly Asian-American and distinctly American. In his

welcoming remarks at the APAHIM dinner, University President William P. Leahy, SJ, cited *Asian American X* as “a record of experience and aspirations” and described it as “a teaching tool.” And, indeed, the text has begun appearing on syllabi at BC and other universities, Han reports.

The essays in *Asian American X* advance a discourse on collective identity that Han hopes will transcend disparate heritages and historical enmities, as well as political skepticism about her dream of unity. As Jina Moon observed, “The term ‘Asian-American’ may itself be a social construct. But it does unite us. We do share something. Maybe not

the same languages or nuances of culture, but our experience of how we are perceived by American culture is the same.”

Professor Song situates the voices in *Asian American X* within a contemporary “wave” of young Asian-American authors such as the novelists Chang-rae Lee (*Native Speaker*) and Susan Choi (*The Foreign Student*) and the filmmakers Justin Lin and Rea Tajiri. He sees their meditations on identity as part of a subgenre within the “flowering” of Asian-American literature. Han believes the essayists make common cause with popular artists—the rapper Jin, the comedian Margaret Cho, the cartoonist Lela Lee—and with

bloggers such as Angry Asian Man, in the formation of an artistic resistance. All, she said, express “frustration and anger at the images portrayed in commercial art and at the statements of ‘otherness’ that we confront in the culture.”

After the evening’s formal remarks, students were invited to discuss the issues raised in individual chapters of Han’s book. Essays entitled “Thin Enough to Be Asian,” “Label Us Angry,” “Out and About: Coming of Age in a Straight White World,” among others, became springboards for small group discussion. At one table, students considered “A Little Too Asian and Not Enough White.” In high school, re-

called Gina Kim ’07, “If you hung around with too many white kids, Asians thought you were whitewashed.” “But you had to be careful not to slip into an Asian clique, either,” added Clara Namkoong ’08. The tension wasn’t instantly resolved upon graduation to a university campus. Winson Liu ’07 said he still contends with it: “I have my white friends, my Korean friends, my mixed Asian friends. I can’t always figure out which group I belong to. Sometimes I feel like I’m just floating between all of them.”

Anne Murphy

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## DAVID S. CONNOLLY '94, CAPT., U.S. ARMY RESERVE 1967-2005



Captain David S. Connolly '94 was killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan on April 6, 2005, the first graduate of the University's ROTC program to lose his life in hostile action since the Vietnam War, according to University officials.

Connolly, 37, an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County, had been a member of the Army Reserve's 1173rd Transportation Battalion, based in Brockton, Massachusetts, and was called to active duty last fall. He was serving as a transportation officer when the helicopter in which he was riding went down 80 miles southwest of Kabul, the Afghan capital. All 18 persons on board were killed.

A graduate of the Woods College of Advancing Studies, Connolly served on active duty in the Army Rangers and graduated from Suffolk Law School in 2003. He was one of six members of his family holding degrees from the University, including his late mother Marguerite Connolly '03, his sister Marguerite '88, MA'91, Ph.D.'01, and his brothers Joseph '85, Paul '89, and Gregory '04. The Connolly family has established a memorial fund in Connolly's honor through the Boston College Development office.

The last graduate of Boston College's ROTC program killed in Vietnam was First Lt. Louis A. Favuzza '68 of the U.S. Army, who died on April 29, 1970, according to Michael Ryan, associate dean of students.

Reid Oslin

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Howe (left) and Nauman

#### PLEBISCITE

Receiving 53.6 percent of the vote, Luke Howe '06 and Ben Nauman '06 have been elected president and vice president, respectively, of the undergraduate student government for 2005-06. In all, 3,985 votes were cast—exceeding last year's total by nearly 800 votes.

#### NUMBERS WATCH

The Board of Trustees has set undergraduate tuition for the 2005-06 academic year at \$30,950, an increase of 6.9 percent. Financial aid will increase by 7.7 percent, to \$95.3 million. And the operating budget is set at \$618.2 million, a seven percent increase.

#### SECURITY UPDATE

The University informed more than 100,000 alumni donors in March that a security breach had been detected on a computer containing their Social Security numbers and addresses. An investigation indicated that the computer, managed by a third-party vendor and used to solicit alumni donations, was not targeted to access personal information, but alumni were notified as a precaution. As of early May, no incidences of identity theft were reported by alumni. For further information call (866) 683-6369 or visit [www.bc.edu/offices/techsupport/security](http://www.bc.edu/offices/techsupport/security).

## CLASSNOTES

### CLASS

MU 405:  
"Senior Seminar"

### INSTRUCTORS

Adjunct Assistant Professor  
Jeremiah McGrann  
Assistant Professor  
Ann Spinney

On the first warm evening of April, with the light fading behind the stained glass windows on the north wall of St. Mary's Chapel and the Easter lilies in bloom on the altar, the opening notes of a Kyrie float down from the organ loft to be heard for the first time in more than 300 years. Thanks to a collaborative feat of reconstruction by Professor Jeremiah McGrann and the 11 music majors in the senior seminar he taught with Professor Ann Spinney in the fall of 2004, the work of an obscure 17th-century north Italian organist and composer named Giovanni Battista Beria is receiving its Boston premiere.

Beria's musical resurrection goes back to the preceding summer, when McGrann was browsing through printed texts and manuscripts in the rare books collections of the Burns Library, looking for a suitable subject for the senior seminar on research methods. He and Spinney had already decided to focus on liturgical music. Ethnomusicologist Spinney would teach approaches to

# NOTABLE

**Students return a forgotten score to the Baroque repertory**

studying oral traditions in ritual music from the Celtic world and Native American cultures. For his part of the course, McGrann wanted to try an experiment: to challenge the students with a written primary source and see what they could make of it.

McGrann found a number of possible candidates, including a 14th-century Franciscan antiphonary and an 18th-century manuscript of vespers from a convent in Florence. Then he came across a set of five partbooks of *Concerti Musicali*, sacred music by Beria, printed in Milan in 1650. According to John Atteberry, a senior reference librarian at Burns, the rare work—one of only two complete copies known to survive—was purchased in 2000 with the Cecilia A. and John F. Farrell, Jr., Music Endowment Funds, at the suggestion of T. Frank Kennedy, SJ, then chair of the music department.

To McGrann, fresh from completing a critical edition of Beethoven's Mass in C, Opus 8, the idea of producing a performable score of Beria's *Concerti*—the books contained 33 pieces in all, including motets, duets, and a Mass for two to four voices with organ continuo—seemed "pretty manageable." McGrann saw the *Concerti* as windows into a musicologically interesting period, when the influence of Palestrina was giving way to the more dramatic and emo-

tionally involving style of Beria's great older contemporary Claudio Monteverdi. The students, too, were intrigued when, at the first meeting of the seminar, McGrann took them to see the books in the Burns Library.

"The first time I saw them, I was like, 'wow!'" said Jaclyn Rada '05, recalling how she and her classmates put on white cotton gloves to handle the slim quarto volumes. The music that had been typeset on the books' thick, slightly yellow pages was in unfamiliar diamond-headed notes, with decorative woodcut initials and cramped Latin text.

The five hand-sized volumes each represented a part—soprano, alto, tenor, bass, and organ. The students' first task was to transcribe them individually, then layer them together to make a readable score. McGrann provided a handout delineating changes in musical notation since the Baroque period. As violist Christine Sama '05 describes it, these included changes in clef—Beria had written the three upper parts in the old, moveable C clef rather than the modern, stationary G clef. Different symbols for rests and an absence of printed measure lines compounded the challenge, as did the need to work from photocopies, to preserve the fragile originals. Distinguishing between smudges and rests and other intentional marks required many trips



## Beria's partbook for alto (left) and companion volumes

back to the library to check the actual texts.

“We had these piles of paper everywhere, and we were all freaking out,” laughed Rada. “We thought everything was wrong all the time.” And sometimes it was, said McGrann, as the students uncovered mistakes and ambiguities in the original, and made errors of their own in transcription. “We were all slugging around together,” he said. “They couldn’t rely on me for having the answer.” Assembling the different parts seemed at first like tackling a jigsaw puzzle, recalled pianist Hana Lee ’05. “We had to become the problem solvers.”

But transcription was only part of the puzzle. The students also had to decipher and

translate the Latin texts into English. Some, like the Mass, were relatively familiar. Others were more obscure—for example, “The dialogue between the soul and Christ,” a piece of dramatized dogmatism typical of Counter-Reformation Milan. McGrann’s original goal of making an edition of all 33 pieces began to seem wildly ambitious. “It probably would have taken us three semesters,” said Annie Svehla ’05, who plays and teaches piano.

"I had always heard that senior seminar was hard," said Rada. Thinking back on how the class struggled with transcription, translation, and research essays, on top of their work for Professor Spinney, which included interviews with

practitioners in the field of sacred music, she said, "I realize now how much work it was. It was fun, though—it got us prepared for grad school."

The group's labors eventually resulted in transcriptions of all 33 pieces, with help from McGrann. Percussionist Alex Jung '05 generated 16 corrected, readable scores for performance on his computer, using a notational software package. McGrann, meanwhile, sought and received funding from the music department, the Jesuit Community, and the Jesuit Institute to produce a concert of Beria's works, scheduled for April 7. Ryan Turner, a critically acclaimed tenor and voice instructor in the University's music department, secured the performers.

WITH AN hour to go before concert time, the four soloists—Turner, his fiancée soprano Susan Consoli, alto Mary Gerbi, and bass Mark McSweeney—run through the program in St. Mary's chapel, accompanied by the harpsichord continuo of Michael Sponseller. Despite their extensive professional experience in Baroque music, Turner admits that the unfamiliarity of the pieces is making all the performers slightly nervous.

Just before the concert, McGrann greets some of his students with a broad grin and says, "This could be the best performance Beria's ever had!" Jung, who has been listening to the music on his computer, says he is "really excited" to finally hear it live. And he is not disappointed.

“Quite thrilling!” is McGrann’s verdict when the concert is over. “The operatic quality came out much more than I expected,” he says. Jung is struck by the emotional impact the performance added. “From the scores,” he says, the music “seemed very thin, slightly corny. We couldn’t hear all the textures.”

Professor Ann Spinney has been marking students' papers while listening to the concert, and the successful realization of the class project brings a gleam to her eye. "There are many things in the Burns Library that I'd like to work on," she says, speculatively.

Jane Whitehead

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# SCHOOL CHOICE

## O'Keefe named Lynch School dean

Following a national search by a 12-member University committee representing professors, researchers, students, and senior administrators, Joseph M. O'Keefe, SJ, has been named the seventh dean of the University's Carolyn A. and Peter S. Lynch School of Education. O'Keefe joined the Lynch School as an assistant professor in 1991, and has taught primarily in the Educational Administration Program. He was appointed associate dean in 2001, and has served as the school's interim dean for the past two years, since the departure of Mary Brabeck to head the Steinhardt School of Education at New York University.

"Fr. O'Keefe knows the Lynch School well from his years as a faculty member and administrator, and he is committed to its mission of teaching, research, and service," said University President William P. Leahy, SJ.

O'Keefe's academic research has focused primarily on the urban Catholic school, and he has coordinated the Lynch School's efforts to work with Catholic schools in the Boston area and nationwide. He is director of the National Center for Research in Catholic Education and is a codirector of SPICE (Selected Programs for Improving Catholic Education), a joint venture in research and information-sharing developed to assist Catholic schools by Boston College



O'Keefe: "Our relationship with students doesn't end with graduation."

and the National Catholic Educational Association.

A native of Salem, Massachusetts, O'Keefe graduated in 1976 from the College of the Holy Cross, where he majored in philosophy. He joined the Society of Jesus in 1976, and taught at Bishop Connolly High School in Fall River, before earning his master's degree in French literature at Fordham University and a master's degree in educational administration at Harvard University. He taught for three years at Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine, and earned his doctorate in education from Harvard. He also holds a master of divinity degree and a licentiate in sacred theology from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology.

"I loved my teaching expe-

rience," he says, "but I was fascinated by how schools work. I was told by the Jesuits that I had an aptitude for administration, and initially the idea was that I would be a principal or work in secondary school administration." While pursuing graduate studies, he says, he became interested in university teaching and research. In addition to his work at Boston College, Fr. O'Keefe has served on the board of trustees at the College of the Holy Cross, John Carroll University, Le Moyne College, and Boston College High School.

"I HONESTLY believe the Lynch School is uniquely poised to lead the preparation of the next generation of teachers," said O'Keefe in an interview several weeks after

he was named dean. Speaking by phone from a national meeting in Philadelphia, where he was scheduled to make a presentation on the state of Catholic schools, he said, "The reputation of our graduates, our experience in inner-city schools, our strong program in counseling, and our large research profile all make us an institution that people look to for leadership."

O'Keefe said that he wants alumni participation in building the school's future. "Our relationship with students doesn't end with graduation. We have an obligation from our side to offer them continuing support in their professional lives. And our success is going to take the help of our alumni, through financial support and by helping us to get our students and faculty into their school districts." O'Keefe said he hopes alumni will send their concerns and hopes for the school's future to his Boston College e-mail address.

Founded in 1952, the Lynch School has 60 full-time faculty and an enrollment of 786 undergraduate students and 1,055 graduate students. In 2005, the magazine *US News & World Report* ranked the school 16th among graduate research schools of education nationwide.

*Reid Oslin*

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# REORIENTATION

## University revises public notice to include welcome for gay members of community

After months of discussion, students from the undergraduate government of Boston College (UGBC) and a campus group called Movement for Equality have agreed with University administrators on a new “nondiscrimination statement.” The rendering, according to its developers, sets a more welcoming tone for gay and lesbian employees and students than had the previous version, but also continues to reserve the University’s right, under federal and state laws, to act in the interests of Catholic religious values.

Various federal and state laws require Boston College to make a public statement regarding its commitment to nondiscrimination in employment and educational programs. While the preface to a previous statement, which has been in use for six years, referred to the importance of “a diverse community,” the new declaration references homosexuals among other groups, citing Boston College’s commitment to “maintaining a welcoming environment for all people and extend[ing] its welcome in particular to those who may be vulnerable to discrimination on the basis of their race, ethnic or national origin, religion, color, age, gender, marital or parental status, veteran status, disabilities, or sexual orientation.” The statement also continues to note that the University will comply with Massachusetts

laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation “while reserving its lawful rights where appropriate to take actions designed to promote the Jesuit, Catholic principles that sustain its mission and heritage.” Federal law does not require inclusion of “sexual orientation” as a protected category, and Massachusetts law allows an exception for religiously affiliated institutions.

The student leaders had been talking with University officials, including President William P. Leahy, SJ, since September and had met regularly in recent months with a team led by the University’s general counsel. The new statement was accepted on May 5.

In a letter in the student newspaper, the *Heights*, UGBC President Grace Simmons and Vice President Burnell Holland, both seniors, said that the statement “appropriately reflected the wishes of students, faculty, and staff while respecting the demands upon the University as a Jesuit, Catholic institution.” Calling the new statement “vastly improved” and “more welcoming and affirming to all communities,” they also said they were disappointed that the revised version “does not equally include sexual orientation in every facet of the clause.”

Michael Yaksich ’05, the UGBC cabinet secretary for

gay issues and a member of the negotiating team, agreed on both counts, saying, “Boston College is a welcoming place for all members of its community, and this is a step forward in matching policy with the reality of student life.” He added, however, that students remain committed to working “toward the equal standing of ‘sexual orientation’ in the entire policy.”

Director of Public Affairs Jack Dunn ’83 commended the students for their work and said “this new statement will help to project an image of inclusiveness that better reflects the reality of this campus, while enabling the University to maintain its rights under state law to uphold its religious convictions.”

The agreement followed a student nonbinding referendum in March, in which 84 percent of 4,053 undergraduates voted to add “sexual orientation” to the nondiscrimination statement; a faculty petition in support of the change that garnered more than 200 signatures and was published on the back page of the *Heights*; and a noontime rally on April 15 that drew 1,000 students, faculty, and staff to hear speeches on the Dustbowl and then process through the campus and along Commonwealth Avenue behind a banner reading “Marching for Equality.”

“For too long, Boston College has been labeled as

homophobic. We want a policy that reflects the welcoming and inclusive attitudes on this campus,” junior Gabriela Suau told the *Boston Herald* at the rally, reflecting a theme voiced by many students. Particularly irksome to some has been the Princeton Review’s rating of BC twice in the past three years as an institution where “alternative lifestyles [are] not an alternative.”

For some students, therefore, the rally had deep, visible, and symbolic meaning. “The best thing that happened wasn’t the language change,” said Nick Salter, a sophomore member of the negotiating team, “but the rally and march, where students and faculty, almost all of them straight, came together to support friends who are gay.”

Holland said that while the negotiations were rigorous, the way in which they were handled by University personnel “restored trust among students that their voice does mean something, and that the administration, when asked, will take a time-out to look around.”

Two years ago, a similar set of discussions among students and University administrators resulted in the founding of Allies, a support group for gay and lesbian students.

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*The University’s nondiscrimination statement can be read on the BCM website, [www.bc.edu/bcm](http://www.bc.edu/bcm).*

# MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Rwanda's Kagame speaks on genocide and its aftermath

As the film *Hotel Rwanda*, with its account of heroic resistance to mass slaughter, was screening across America, Boston College was host to Paul Kagame, the man who led a rebel army that, outgunned and outnumbered, ended Rwanda's genocide while the rest of the world dithered. On April 11, Kagame, now Rwanda's president, told a capacity crowd in Robsham Theater about his country's post-genocide efforts at healing and rebuilding, and also about the hundred days in 1994 when close to a million minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus were slain with bullets and machetes by the extremist "Hutu Power" government and its allies.

Kagame was introduced by Pierre-Richard Prosper '85, U.S. ambassador-at-large for war crimes issues, who praised the Rwandan as "a man who has confronted evil . . . and made a difference." The lesson of Rwanda, Prosper said, is that "we all have a responsibility to one another: to speak out, to condemn, and to act where we can and as we can." He advised the mostly college-age audience to take inspiration from Kagame's example, pointing out that Rwanda under Kagame was one of the first countries to send troops to help stabilize Sudan's Darfur region.

Kagame, tall and wearing a light-colored necktie and double-breasted suit that exaggerated his thinness, didn't cut a



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charismatic, much less a heroic figure, nor did he seem much like a politician. Standing stiffly erect, he spoke in a quiet, unemotional voice and a quaintly formal manner. "Distinguished ladies and gentlemen," he told the audience, "you will no doubt want to know why Rwandans were indulging in self-destruction." He spoke of the purported age-old antipathy between Hutu and Tutsi and said that until Africa was colonized, the groups had co-existed peacefully "as one people." The genocide, he said, "stemmed from the infamous colonial legacy of divide and rule, and the subsequent failure

of the post-colonial government to reverse that pattern." Indeed, the genocide—which he characterized as "premeditated"—was "engineered by government," he said.

Rwandans themselves must take primary responsibility, Kagame added, but the developed world had the means to act and did nothing. "Did the international community fail [to act] because Rwanda was of no strategic importance?" he asked rhetorically. "Even as thousands of innocent people were killed by the hour, the western powers resisted using the proper term, *genocide*, instead calling it 'war,'" to avoid

the semantic trigger that would have required signatures to the 1948 U.N. convention on genocide to intervene.

Kagame placed some blame on other African countries for failing to denounce the genocide, and on inaction by the Catholic Church, to which 65 percent of Rwandans belonged. The Church left its Rwandan followers "disillusioned and bitter," Kagame said. "Many were slaughtered in their places of worship." In this connection, he said, "we have a lot to learn from Boston College, particularly its efforts to deal with scoundrels in the Church"—an allusion to

the Church in the 21st Century Initiative, BC's response to the sexual abuse crisis.

To prevent more calamities such as the one his country suffered, Kagame said, "we need to disaggregate the international community; if the U.N. isn't willing to stop genocide, regional powers should act and be supported in their actions." In addition, "countries that stand by during genocide should be held responsible," Kagame said, though he didn't say by whom or how.

As for Rwanda today, Kagame described the country's ongoing efforts to overcome the legacy of 1994. These include repatriation or resettlement of nearly half the population; rebuilding an economic infrastructure; prevention of reprisal killings; restoration of trust in government; and the beginnings of democracy. Kagame's devotion to democracy has been questioned by groups like Human Rights Watch and Reporters Without Borders, along with some from the BC community.

A small demonstration organized by Aloysius Lugira, adjunct associate professor of theology, protested Kagame's appearance on campus, and during a Q&A period that followed the speech, Kagame was asked why his government had banned the country's biggest opposition party and thrown the party's leader in prison.

Kagame started with a weak attempt at evasion, asking, "Which political party are you referring to?" but in the end he more or less answered the question. In the new Rwandan constitution, approved by an overwhelming vote of the people, "political parties are given

the right to operate, but genocide ideology has been forbidden," he explained. "I'm certain that in the U.S. there are groups that have no right to exist. The Ku Klux Klan and the communist party have no right to operate here," he said, a note of uncertainty in his voice. Then, continuing on firmer footing: "I have seen parties in Europe being banned because of extremism." Critics should bear in mind that "what's good for the goose is good for the gander," Kagame concluded, to applause.

How well did this answer comport with the facts? In an e-mail the day after the speech, Lugira wrote that the opposition party in question had been formed by a disillusioned member of Kagame's own Rwandan Patriotic Front and had been banned because it "was involved in criticizing [the RPF], which was unacceptable to Kagame." In Lugira's view, Kagame "had to be the only bull in the kraal."

Some in the audience cut Kagame more slack. David Hollenbach, SJ, Flatley Professor of Theology, who has visited Rwanda since the genocide, said, "I don't want to defend everything Kagame has done, but I don't stand in high judgment of him. There may be some excessive human rights restrictions, but given everything Rwanda has been through, progress has been good." Abuchi Muoneme, SJ, a graduate student in physics, also viewed Kagame favorably. "I see him as the liberator of his people [and] as a reconciler trying to bring his country together," said Muoneme, a Nigerian who taught English in post-genocide Rwanda.

"He's done his best, but it's going to take a while for Rwanda to become a true democratic society. Right now it's still haunted by the ghosts of genocide."

Elaborating on this point, Michael Kisembo, an Everett, Massachusetts, business consultant who hails from Uganda, and who was on campus to hear Kagame, said, "You need to bring order into the country, and then you can allow unabated democracy. They have first to heal and unite the people, and then build democratic institutions. That doesn't happen overnight."

In addition to the question about the opposition party, Kagame fielded queries on what it will take to end the troubles in Darfur (many more boots on the ground, and soon), the status of his country's relationship with the neighboring Democratic Republic of the Congo (improving), and whether the Rwandan genocide might recur (only if the perpetrators, many now in prison or across the border in the Congo, are allowed to regroup and reenter Rwanda). At the end of the Q&A period, Kagame didn't linger in the spotlight but walked quickly offstage, acknowledging applause with an awkward sidewise wave.

Summing up the event, David Applegate '08 said, Kagame offered "no self-criticism. He wouldn't admit his own faults. But he's not as extreme [in that regard] as most politicians in America, who are, like, machines."

David Reich

*Kagame's talk may be viewed in full at [www.bc.edu/frontrow](http://www.bc.edu/frontrow).*

## WORSHIP COUNTS

Between services at Boston College and adjacent St. Ignatius Church, the University community has access to 70 celebrations of the Mass each week, according to a report by the office of University Mission and Ministry. The weekly average rises to 77 when Masses to commemorate holy days and special events are included. Catholics are 70 percent of the undergraduate population.

## DEATHS

- Gary P. Brazier, member of the political science faculty from 1959 to 1991, on March 10, at age 83.
- Katherine C. Cotter, member of the education faculty from 1952 to 1987, on March 25, at age 83.
- Wilbur Davis, dining services employee from 1990 to 1999, on February 24, at age 66.
- Katharine Hastings, University administrator in the office of the academic vice president from 1958 to 1997, on March 31, at age 84.
- Marion Jennings, member of the education faculty from 1959 to 1969, on April 22, at age 92.
- Francis C. Mackin, SJ, a member of Boston College's Jesuit community since 1954, who served in a variety of faculty and administrative positions at the University, on April 20, at age 85.
- Robert F. O'Malley, member of the chemistry faculty from 1947 to 1988, on February 16, at age 86.
- Mary E. Robinson, theology department secretary from 1978 to 1987, on March 27, at age 72.
- Yu-Chen Ting, member of the biology faculty from 1962 to 1990, on April 2, at age 84.

# STORY BOOK

## Legends from the Heights

*New Legends Press recently published the Legends of Boston College, a collection of sketches devoted to the “hidden history, famous alumni,” and other “fun phenomena” and “weird occurrences” at Boston College:*

### LEONARD NIMOY

Did *Star Trek*'s Mr. Spock go to BC? Yes, he did, though only briefly. He was born in Boston to parents from far, far away (Russia, not another galaxy). At age eight, Nimoy played Hansel in his first theater appearance, and he continued to act in local children's theater productions. His parents wanted him to be a doctor or a lawyer. He wanted to act. Some of Nimoy's biographical accounts have him attending summer school at Boston College. Others claim he was awarded a scholarship. In any case, the future Vulcan did study drama at BC for a short time before leaving for the West Coast—against his parents' wishes. He had nothing to lose but his Boston accent.

### WHY AN EAGLE?

The first thing to understand is that no one had anything against cats. It just seemed that Boston College was deserving of a mascot grander—more majestic—than a common tabby.

In 1920, a local newspaper cartoon created a stir when it used a cat to represent the victorious BC track team finishing off a plate of its rivals. That caused alumnus Fr.



Edward McLaughlin—writing under a pseudonym—to fire off a letter to the student newspaper demanding that “we adopt a mascot to preside at our pow-wows and triumphant feats.” McLaughlin had in mind a powerful creature whose natural habitat was the “heights”: “How proud would the BC man feel to see the BC Eagle snatching the trophy of victory from old opponents, their tattered banner clutched in his talons as he flies aloft.”

Who could argue with that?

Well, some did, and the owl and the antelope came up for consideration. But the eagle prevailed and became BC's mascot. Gifts of two live eagles were sent from the Southwest, which turned out to be a bad idea—one escaped and the other hurt itself trying to get away. For the next 40 years a BC eagle resided in the athletic department—stuffed and mounted. (Remember, this was many years before eagles would be protected by federal law.) In 1961 students clamoring for a live one got their

wish: a 10-pound eaglet. She was named Margo for the school colors (MARoon and GOld), and she lived at the Franklin Park Zoo. For five years she attended home games and some away games, tethered to a perch. When Margo died of a virus, she was replaced by a human male in an eagle costume (it wasn't until 1995 that a female suited up). Today, the official mascots are named Baldwin (BALD for eagle, WIN for athletic spirit) and Baldwin, Jr. At six and a half and nine and a half feet tall—Junior is inflated—you can't miss them in a crowd.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Boston College. BC for short. Sounds perfect, right? Well, for a time there was plenty of discussion about changing the name of the school.

During his term of office (1951–58), BC president Joseph R. N. Maxwell, SJ, began to mull the relative merits of keeping the name or changing it to include the word “university,” which, in fact, was a more accurate description. But the name Boston University was already taken. A decade's worth of discussion, motions at Board of Trustees and committee meetings, and letters from alumni followed.

The question was first raised at a 1953 trustees meeting, where a motion was made to empower the president to negotiate a change of the name to Boston Catholic

University. Three years later at a board meeting, Botolph University was floated. Fr. Maxwell decided to open the discussion to faculty, alumni, Jesuits, and administrators. The floodgates were loosed. The dean of the College of Business Administration lobbied for Jesuit University of Boston. Alumni weighed in, suggesting St. Robert Bellarmine or St. Thomas More University.

Six months into his presidency, Michael P. Walsh, SJ, appointed a Change of Name Committee, and its first meeting was held in September 1958. After much airing of concerns about potential alumni backlash, the committee unanimously decided to forge on. But consensus on a name was not forthcoming. Some of the recommendations: University of New England, Newman University, Boston

College University, Commonwealth University, Chestnut Hill University, Tremont University, Cheverus University (for the first bishop of Boston), Fenwick University (for the second), and Campion University (for the 16th-century Jesuit martyr).

In the end, the president did not act on the report. Alumni opposition had increased. The centenary, which had been the target date for

the name change, had passed. Interest waned, and a final, highly negative editorial appeared in the *Heights* in 1963. The name Boston College has stood the test of time.

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## THE SOLDIER'S POET

COURTESY OF SUB TURRI



In 1942, a Boston College senior, Thomas Heath, sat down at his kitchen table in Somerville, Massachusetts, and wrote a poem that his fellow students would carry with them to war. "Proud Refrain" took the perspective of a soldier remembering his days at BC, and Heath wrote it for his classmates, "some of whom had already been called up, and most of whom soon would be," he recalled in 1991.

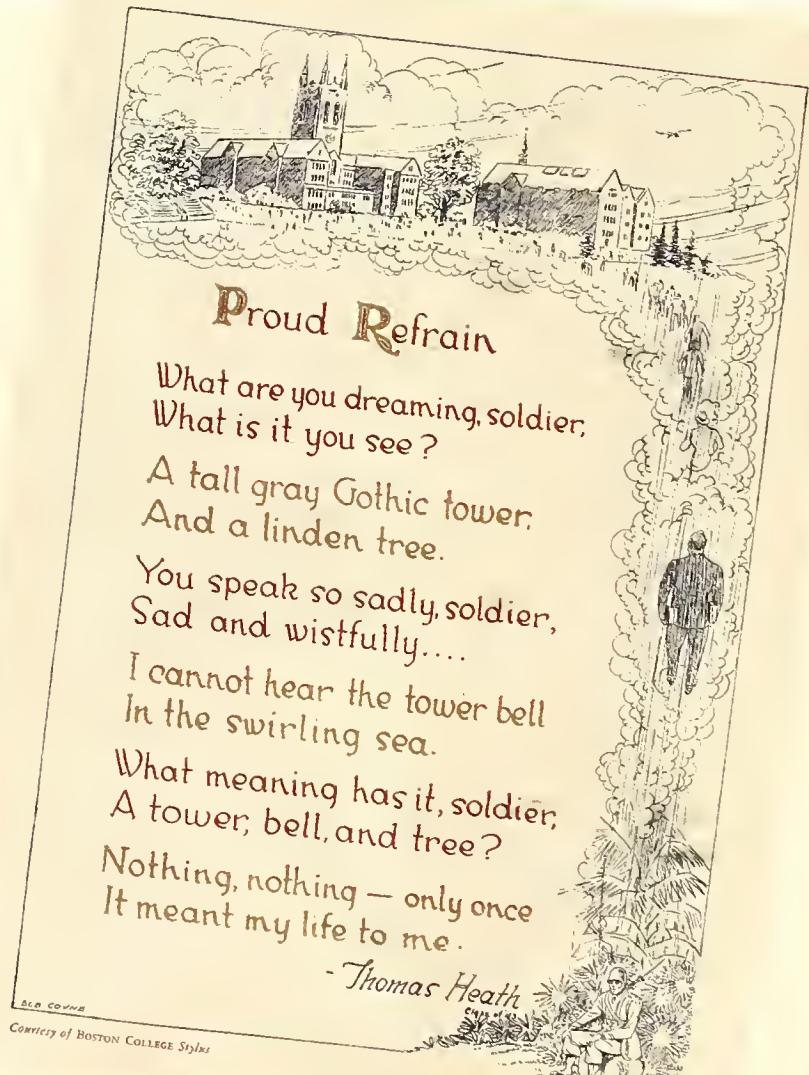
Heath died on January 13, 2005, from injuries sustained during a robbery at his home in Kisumu, Kenya. He was 84 years old. A Dominican priest and high school teacher, he had spent the past 23 years in Africa.

At Boston College, Heath was a biology major who tended his love of literature as the editor of *Stylus*. According to the 1943 *Sub Turri* yearbook, he was voted "most accomplished," "best conversationalist," "class story writer," "class poet," and "most talented" in a poll of his peers. In May 1944, he decided to follow in the footsteps of his two brothers and enter the priesthood. He was ordained in 1950.

An estimated 5,052 Boston College students and graduates served in World War II. Among them was Terrence Geoghegan '42, a naval officer during the war and a friend of Heath's. Geoghegan keeps a copy of "Proud Refrain" in a simple wooden frame above his desk, in his home in Hingham, Massachusetts. The poem "just captured what life was like," he said, after Heath's death. "BC was our home for four years. It was

just four buildings and the linden trees—Gasson Tower, St. Mary's, Bapst, and Devlin—but when we got dragged out of there . . . you had the feeling you were gone from both your homes. It was a wrenching, gut feeling."

Heath, left, in the 1943 *Sub Turri*, and a poster of the poem, from the 1940s

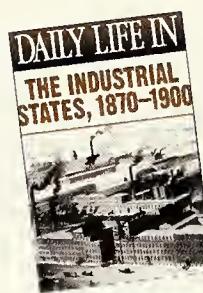


## LYCEUM

Guest speakers and visitors at Boston College this spring included: Maya Angelou, poet; Peter Balakian, author of *The Burning Tigris: The Armenian Genocide and America's Response* (2003); Medea Benjamin, founder of feminist antiwar group Code Pink; Billy Collins, poet; Dorothy Cross, multimedia artist; Michael Eric Dyson, author of *I May Not Get There with You: The True Martin Luther King, Jr.* (2000); Barbara Ehrenreich, author of *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America* (2001); Jonathan Safran Foer, author of *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* (2005); Susan Jane Gilman, author of *Hypocrite in a Pouffy White Dress* (2005); Kerry Healey, lieutenant governor of Massachusetts; Carma Hinton, director of the film *Morning Sun* (2003); Karim Kawar '87, Jordanian ambassador to the United States; James Howard Kunstler, author of *The Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America's Man-Made Landscape* (1993); Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop of Washington, D.C.; Luis Moreno-Ocampo, chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court; Sari Nusseibeh, president of al-Quds University in Jerusalem; Charles Pierce, author of *Hard to Forget: An Alzheimer's Story* (2000); Robert Randolph, Talib Kweli, and the Virginia Coalition, pop musicians; P. Sainath, author of *Everybody Loves a Good Drought: Stories from India's Poorest Districts* (1998); David Sanger, *New York Times* White House correspondent; Mary Ellen Strom, video and installation artist; and David Tracy, theologian.

# A READER'S NOTES

## Roots



### NATIONAL PASTIMES

*Daily Life in the Industrial United States, 1870-1900*, by Julie Husband and Jim O'Loughlin MA'91 (Greenwood, 2004)

This 31st volume in a publisher's series on the facts of life in times and places ranging from Bronze Age Africa to the contemporary U.S. offers 242 pages of facts, lists, and tables on such topics as patent medicines and housekeeping practices, presumably for the improvement of writers of high school papers and Trivial Pursuit games. While this does not make for a narrative meal, there's pleasure to be found in the tasting menu, as in the observations on "Tom Troupes," several hundred of which traveled the country during the period under review, performing madly inventive productions of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, sometimes with elephants on stage or with two actors playing each part at the same time, an odd attraction known as "A Double Mammoth." As a writer, though, I was particularly moved by the tale of Edward L. Wheeler, who published 33 novels about the cowboy hero "Deadwood Dick"

between 1877 and 1884, and then 97 between 1885 and 1894, in spite of the fact that, as the authors shrug, he "apparently died in 1885."

An excerpt from *Daily Life* begins on page 24.

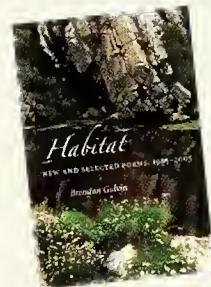


### AWAKENING

*American Ghosts: A Memoir*, by David Plante '61 (Beacon, 2005)

Plante, who has published 14 novels—nearly all of which would make a list of the best fiction by BC graduates—has produced a self-accounting that makes little mention of his literary career (he currently teaches writing at Columbia University). Rather, this story of religious and sensual longing, and of flight and return, rolls out not with the straight-line logic of passing time but with the manifold reasoning of a powerful and haunting dream about a Rhode Island "Canuck" parish in the 1950s, Yankee Boston, Thomistic Catholicism (and BC), and Europe, to which Plante escaped in the 1960s, and where he lived in exile for four decades with his "life partner," the late book editor Nikos Stangos. The book pivots on Plante's return—literally and figuratively—to America, where he is moved

by the powerful and brilliant noddng of his friend the writer Mary Gordon to turn his sharp eye on the ghosts he'd fled in his youth. For Plante, awareness is a sacrament, and as in his novels, his pared-down literary style aims to capture what he calls "the inexhaustible secret" of the right word, the right sentence, the right phrase. On first meeting the gentle and cultured Stangos, for example, Plante has himself think, "oh, yes," which is a clichéd sigh worthy of a Dame Barbara Cartland heroine, but here, thought with simple reflexive hope by a lost and unhappy young exile about another man he has just met for tea in 1960s London, it rolls across the carpet like a child's toy and turns out to be a grenade only a second before it explodes.



### HARVEST

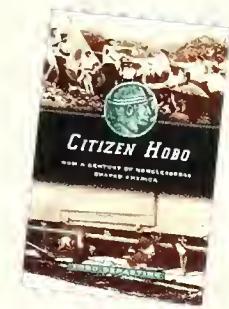
*Habitat: New and Selected Poems, 1965-2005*, by Brendan Galvin '60 (Louisiana State University Press, 2005)

Some four decades after Galvin was (let us give thanks) derailed in his ambition to go to dental school after graduating from BC, this collection

draws from 13 volumes worth of striking and grounded poems that have earned the author the kind of awards and publication credits that every American poet craves. While many of Galvin's poems are rooted in observations of the natural world (Cape Cod, where he's lived for decades, figures prominently), he is no more a nature poet than was Frost or Basho. Nature is simply the bait, and when the hook sets and we are drawn up and into the piercing light, it turns out this isn't about birches or cranes at all—as in this conclusion, from Galvin's "The Apple Trees":

So what if,  
in the journey from root  
hair to branch, /  
the fruit passes through  
knees and elbows and  
comes out /  
gnarled, unbalanced, nodal,  
moon-dragged all one way?  
Don't those  
tears in the heart of each  
apple /  
resolve to try it again,  
over and over?

For all that the years of Galvin's worklife have been a difficult age for poetry, there is nothing apologetic or tentative in these lyrics. They were written down by a man apparently convinced that the world is worth praising in words that offer no turning aside from hard facts. A few years ago, in a chastising review of a pack of whelp poets who seemed to believe that ambiguity was the only appropriate artistic response to a postmodern existence, Galvin wrote, "Clarity is still the biggest mystery of them all." This book, this life in poetry, insist upon it.



#### ROOTLESS

*Citizen Hobo: How a Century of Homelessness Shaped America*,  
by Todd DePastino '88  
(Chicago, 2003)

The homeless American emerged from the Civil War as the tramp, became the hobo in the late 19th century, the migrant in the 1930s, the bum in the 1950s, and an existential hero in the 1960s. DePastino tracks this history right up to the homeless who've been in the streets of our cities for the past 30 years. His thesis: Washington's fear of unemployed, radicalized white males—e.g., Coxey's Commonwealth (1894), the Overalls Brigade (1908), the Bonus Army (1932)—resulted in the likes of the WPA and the GI Bill. That Washington has not done as much to serve the dislocated of our own time is a consequence of the homeless comprising women, blacks, and Hispanics, in the main. He may be right, but he will not be convincing until he confronts and refutes other, less censorious, but more complex, possibilities.

Ben Birnbaum

*A list of recently published books by alumni, students, and faculty has been posted on the BCM website at [bc.edu/bcm/readerslist](http://bc.edu/bcm/readerslist), and will be maintained there. Publishing houses and authors are invited to send books or book announcements to the editors.*

## ONCE, IT SEEMED BETTER

by Rafael Campo

Rain all day, but it doesn't matter:  
I'm home alone. You left your presence,  
though. Here in my study, it's sadder

for having to observe the ladder  
that looms, like unrealized promise,  
beneath the leaky skylight. Matters

as yet unattended to chatter  
in your unmistakable cadence;  
I'm not sure which of them seems sadder,

the deflated figure in the clutter  
of your pulled-off clothes, or the romance  
of your cup and spoon. What most matters

to me now, despite the soft shudder  
(as if a place could have a conscience)  
the whole house gives, is even sadder,

even colder: your absence, bitter  
as it seems, invites forbearance.  
Rain all day, and it hardly matters.  
Here, without you, I wish I were sadder.

Rafael Campo, MD, practices internal medicine and teaches at Harvard Medical School. His collection of essays, *The Healing Art: A Doctor's Black Bag of Poetry*, was published in 2003. On February 16, 2005, in Devlin 101, he read from his poetry as part of the Lowell Humanities Series. His talk can be viewed in full at [www.bc.edu/frontrow](http://www.bc.edu/frontrow).

# Spin cities

## WHEN URBAN AMERICA FELL IN LOVE WITH THE BIKE

The recreation movement of the late 19th century emerged in response to new urban conditions. As cities became increasingly industrialized and crowded, opportunities for healthy physical activities declined, especially for poor families who could not afford to travel out of the city. Reformers such as Jacob Riis, Jane Addams, and Joseph Lee pushed for the establishment of city playgrounds and parks. But other means of physical recreation became popular among those who had the money and time to participate. The biggest fad of the 1890s, and of the industrial era as a whole, was bicycling.

Two technological innovations made the rise of cycling possible: the safety bicycle—whose rear-wheel chain drive allowed for wheels of uniform size and sat the rider closer to the ground than earlier models; and the pneumatic tire—the air-filled rubber tube that made for a less bumpy ride. During the 1890s, the decade that has become known as the “Golden Age of Bicycling,” interest in bicycling increased exponentially. Membership in the League of American Wheelmen grew from 44 in 1880 to 141,532 by 1898. As an industry, bicycle manufacturing employed just 1,800 workers in 1890 but had over 17,000 employees by 1900. At the peak of the craze, in 1896, there were as many as four million American bicyclists, out of a total population of about 70 million.

The cost of bicycles initially placed them out of reach of all but the rich. In 1884 a bicycle cost \$150, about one-third of a year’s wages for most Americans. Prices began to decline, reaching \$100 in 1890, and went as low as \$22 after the collapse of the bicycling boom in the late 1890s. As a result, bicycle riding became less a pastime for the rich and



The well-dressed cyclist, 1895

more a hobby enjoyed across classes. In 1898 there was even a Socialist Wheelmen’s Club that rode from Boston to New York City distributing pamphlets along the way. Bicycles were a common sight on city streets. And amateur and professional races became a regular feature of the entertainment landscape. The bicycle craze had a domino effect on other industries and institutions. In New York City, for instance, piano sales declined by half, theater attendance dipped, cigar consumption fell; even a drop in church attendance was blamed on the bicycle.

Women made up one-third of the market for bicycles during the 1890s, and the vehicle came to play a surprising role in the women’s rights struggle. Victorian dresses, with their restrictive corsets and long heavy skirts, were impractical for bicycle riding. The clothing that made sense for women bicyclists were skirts without corsets or the controversial “bloomers,” loose trousers worn with a knee-length

skirt by dress reformers since the middle of the century. Wearing bloomers or other reform styles immediately put women at the center of controversy. In fact, the language used to describe the clothing women wore to bicycle became entwined with suggestions of sexuality: The term “loose” (as opposed to “straitlaced”), for instance, initially referred to women’s bicycling wear.

Many moralists were concerned about the social effect of bicycle riding. When Sunday cycling cut into church attendance, one clergyman prophesied that bicyclists were heading down a metaphorical hill without brakes, toward “a place where there is no mud on the streets because of the high temperatures.” In the case of women, conservatives feared that cycling would tax their “delicate constitutions” and, if they rode without chaperones, lead to further temptations.

Advocates of women’s rights, for their part, were quick to seize upon the liberating potential of the bicycle. Suffragist Susan B. Anthony stated that bicycling “has done more to emancipate women than anything else in the world. . . . It gives women a feeling of freedom and self reliance.” Frances Willard, the longtime leader of the Women’s Christian

Temperance Union, was so taken with the bicycle that she endeavored to learn to ride one at the age of 53. In an 1895 account, Willard wrote of her struggles to master her bike with the help of a series of instructors (and of one crashing fall), and she argued that the bicycle would lead to more equitable gender relationships: “We saw with satisfaction the great advantage in good fellowship and mutual understanding between men and women who take the road together, sharing its hardships and rejoicing in the poetry of motion.”

In the 1890s, the bicycle was not just a toy or even just a sport; it was a means through which changing concepts of freedom and femininity—and, of course, exercise—were realized.

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## HEAD START

### Freshmen are choosing more demanding courses

Increasingly, Boston College freshmen are arriving on campus with multiple Advanced Placement (AP) credits from course work accomplished in high school. As a result, many are opting to enroll in second-year classes instead of introductory ones.

According to admissions data, the 2,309 members of this year’s freshman class, the Class of 2008, took 4,549 AP exams in high school, with 2,689 of their scores high enough to place the holder out of an introductory-level or core-required course at BC; some 55 percent of the freshmen presented at least one

such score. Eleven years ago, the Class of 1997 entered with 1,290 qualifying scores, distributed among 37 percent of the freshmen, with a total 2,371 exams taken.

With Advanced Placement credits, freshmen appear to be increasingly taking a fast track into their majors: 411 members of the Class of 2008 satisfied their core mathematics requirement with AP Calculus credit, for instance; and by the end of the academic year, 111 of them will have taken “Multivariable Calculus”—a course that is required for the chemistry, computer science, geophysics, mathematics, and

physics majors. On average, 104 freshmen per year have taken this course since 2002; during the five years before that, the average number of freshmen in the class was 68.

“Molecular Cell Biology,” a second-year course that is required of biology and pre-med students, enrolled 33 freshmen in 2003–04; this year, 70 freshmen were enrolled. Freshmen number 115 in “Spanish Composition,” a third-level course, compared with about 85 in recent years.

And 54 freshmen have registered for the second-year courses required of English majors, with an additional 44

signing on for other upper-level courses in the department.

According to Mary O’Keeffe, OP, associate dean of the freshman class, some freshmen are arriving with upwards of a dozen Advanced Placement credits. Students with enough credits may apply for advanced standing with the University, accelerating their graduation by a semester or an entire year. Eight members of the Class of 2008 have opted for such standing.

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# OUR MAN DIEM

*How America came to back South Vietnam's despised and doomed president*

BY SETH JACOBS

**THE "WINSTON CHURCHILL OF SOUTHEAST ASIA" WAS A PITIFUL FIGURE AT THE END.**

Shortly before 10 A.M. on November 2, 1963, South Vietnamese president Ngo Dinh Diem stumbled out of a Catholic church in Cholon, Saigon's Chinese district, to face the martyrdom he had courted ever since assuming command of his country in the mid-1950s. Eyes glazed from lack of sleep, trademark white sharkskin suit spattered with mud and soaked with perspiration, he hardly looked like a chief of state, much less the demigod eulogized by Washington policy makers and the American media. Diem's brother Ngo Dinh Nhu followed him down the church steps and into a narrow, dead-end street. Almost immediately, the two men were set upon by a contingent of soldiers who bound their hands behind their backs and ordered them into an armored personnel carrier. Diem did not protest the rough treatment but expressed disappointment that the cabal of generals who would presently constitute South Vietnam's government had not sent a limousine befitting his rank. One of the soldiers responded that the armored car had been deliberately chosen to protect its distinguished passengers against "extremists."



This appeared to satisfy Diem, but Nhu snarled, "You use such a vehicle to drive the *president*?" The soldiers had to force Nhu's head down as they shoved him into the car.

During the trip to army headquarters in Saigon, Diem and Nhu were sprayed with bullets and repeatedly stabbed with knives and bayonets. Their bodies were buried in a prison cemetery. The officer who typed the brothers' death certificates inflicted a further, posthumous indignity upon Diem, describing him not as "head of state" but as "chief of province," a position he had held years earlier during the French colonial period. Even more degrading, in light of Diem's Catholic faith, was the official cause of death: "suicide," later amended to "accidental suicide" when published photographs of the president's corpse showed his hands tied behind his back.

As news of the assassinations went out over the radio, Saigon exploded in jubilation. An American correspondent reported, "Everybody seemed to be in the streets, singing, dancing, shouting, waving banners, or just standing by, watching. There were smiles on practically every face." Tens of thousands flocked around

the tanks of rebel soldiers to shower their heroes with presents and expressions of gratitude. Nightclubs threw open their doors, and revelers danced the twist, the tango, and all the other dances Diem had banned. Saigon's Buddhists congregated at Xa Loi Pagoda for a daylong service of thanksgiving. Students stormed the shell-scarred Presidential Palace, screaming "Freedom!" and "Long live the junta!" When newly released political prisoners began relating stories of torture, outraged mobs laid waste to the National Assembly Building and set fire to the homes of government officials. A few resourceful citizens used a power winch from a ship in Saigon harbor to pull down a statue of Diem's sister-in-law, Madame Nhu. The offices of the *Times of Vietnam*, a pro-Diem newspaper funded by the United States, were burned to the ground. Crowds lit bonfires in front of the residences of American diplomats, ransacked buildings and business establishments owned by the Ngo family, and ripped up Diem's portrait wherever it was displayed. The cathartic rioting lasted less than a day, and then calm settled over the

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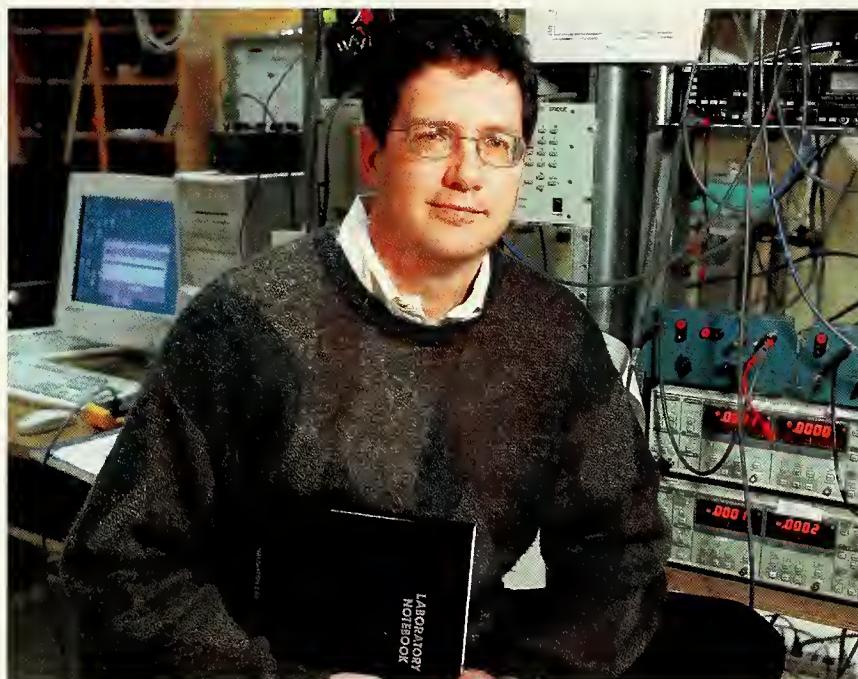
Above: Diem in a parade up Broadway, New York City, May 13, 1957, with a city official and the State Department's chief of protocol

## USING SMALL SCIENCE TO MAKE BIG DISCOVERIES

When asked what he enjoys most about being a scientist, Physics Professor Michael Naughton replies, "The discovery! A scientist is basically someone who looks at the world and asks, 'Is that understood? If not, let's go figure it out.'"

The recipient of several honors, including the National Science Foundation Young Investigator Award, Naughton has made several compelling discoveries of his own, including one that led to the invention of a tiny sensor that can detect plastic land mines, more than 100 million of which remain buried in war-torn areas around the globe. Today, he is among the physicists and chemists leading Boston College into the cutting-edge world of nanoscience, the study and manipulation of mat-

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Michael Naughton

ter on an almost inconceivably small scale. (A nanometer is one-billionth of a meter.) Working with colleagues in the physics and chemistry departments, he is developing a nanoscale version of an MRI

then zoom in on the cells in that muscle, and then the DNA, the atom, and finally the nucleus. With capability that great, you would be able to detect disease from a single drop of blood."

Excited by the investments the University is making in its science faculty and facilities, Naughton says BC is becoming a model that other universities are looking to emulate. "BC continues to grow and evolve as a research university, and for scientists like me, that's very important. What makes us unique, however, is that we are not leaving the undergraduates behind as we do it. They are right there, working beside us in our laboratories, making meaningful contributions to research. This is simply a great time to be doing science at Boston College."

## Improving urban schools

Experts predict that 700,000 new teachers will be needed in urban areas during the next decade. Boston College received a \$2.2 million gift from the Peter Jay Sharp Foundation that will help to train the nation's most talented aspiring teachers for this critical work. Permanently establishing the Peter Jay Sharp Urban Scholars Program at the Carolyn A. and Peter S. Lynch School of Education, this gift exemplifies BC's commitment to providing its students with opportunities for using their

talents in the service of others.

Calling Boston College a "partner," Sharp Foundation Director Edmund C. Duffy says, "This program addresses the critical need for teachers who are adept at teaching an increasingly diverse population. We are removing barriers for talented people who want to teach in urban settings."

Having already trained and placed 18 students in urban districts, the program will continue to support students in the one-year intensive master's degree program. In choosing

the Sharp Scholars, the Lynch School works with senior administrators in urban school districts to identify candidates and, once they've earned their degrees, return them to their home districts—a strategy designed to encourage and support teachers who have already chosen to work in challenging school environments.

"The Sharp Foundation is committed to improving teach-

ing and learning in urban public schools," says Norman Peck, president of the foundation's board of directors. "We are delighted that the Sharp Urban Scholars Program at Boston College will continue to support the pipeline of new teachers committed to serving the educational needs of a diverse urban community, which includes cities such as New York City and Boston."

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Dear Boston College/Newton College Alumnus/a,

As this year's graduating class embarks on a new chapter in their lives, we congratulate them on their accomplishments while at the Heights and welcome them as the newest members of the Boston College Alumni Association. We look forward to many years of relationship with you, the Class of 2005, as alumni, and we are excited to provide opportunities for you to remember and reconnect with your BC experience.

By the time you read this, we will have welcomed this year's reunion classes back to Chestnut Hill for just such an opportunity to renew their ties to alma mater. More than 3,000 alumni from class years ending in "0" or "5" returned to campus in early June for a weekend of celebration, enrichment and fun. As we continue to enhance our reunion programming, we were pleased to offer some old favorites, such as the BC history seminar with our University historian, Professor Tom O'Connor '49, as well as some new highlights, including an informal conversation with University President William P. Leahy, SJ, and a seminar on the Church's future under Pope Benedict XVI, led by Professor Thomas Groom.

The summer marks the annual transition of alumni leadership, when the newly elected directors join the National Board of Directors and the new board officers take over the helm of the Alumni Association. I would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing president Christopher "Kip" Doran '68 for his leadership and to welcome Susan Power Gallagher NC '69 to her new position as president, effective July 1. Thanks also go to Tom Mahoney '74 for serving as treasurer and to committee chairs Sarah Ford Baine NC '69, communications; Ann Bersani '77, chapters; Emmett McCarthy '64, classes; and Susan Gallagher, spiritual life. Our board of directors plays a vital role in furthering the mission of Boston College throughout the country, and we thank them for their dedication of time, talent and treasure.

I'd also like to congratulate immediate past president John J. Griffin, Jr. '65 and his wife, Mary Margaret, for serving as co-chairs of the 17th annual Second Helping Gala. Thanks to the dedication of an enthusiastic team of volunteers, this year's gala helped raise over \$100,000 to support the fight against hunger in eastern Massachusetts. Earlier this spring, we were pleased to partner again with the BC Arts Council to host an Alumni Evening at the Arts Festival in honor of the tremendous growth of the arts at Boston College. Congratulations to James Balog '74, this year's recipient of the Arts Council Alumni Award, for his impressive contributions to the field of environmental photography. It's not too late to get a glimpse of Jim's breathtaking work in his exhibit *Tree: A New Vision of the American Forest*, on display at the McMullen Museum through July 12.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we will be completing an assessment of our spirituality programming and bringing you new opportunities, through our chapter and class programs, to live out this important aspect of BC's mission. We also look forward to honoring our distinguished alumni at the annual Alumni Achievement Awards ceremony, to be held on Thursday, September 29. I wish you and yours a happy and healthy summer and hope to see you soon at an upcoming event.

Ever to Excel,

*Grace Cotter Regan '82*

Grace Cotter Regan '82  
Executive Director

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CLASS NOTES

### 2005 Alumni Achievement Awards

The Alumni Association is pleased to continue this year its tradition of honoring distinguished graduates at the Alumni Achievement Awards Ceremony. This year's ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at 7 p.m. at Robsham Theater. All alumni and friends are invited to join us as we recognize the outstanding accomplishments of our distinguished alumni. A complimentary reception immediately following the ceremony will be held in the Heights Room, Corcoran Commons. To RSVP, please call 800-669-8430.

#### 2005 Alumni Achievement Award Recipients

**Arts and Humanities:** J. Arch Getty MA '73, PhD '79

**Public Service:** Robert F.X. Hart '60, MSW '62

**Commerce:** Susan McManama Gianinno '70

**Religion:** Kenneth F. Hackett '68

**Education:** Catherine Ronan Karrels '90

**Science:** Leo F. Power, Jr. '56, MA '64, MBA '72

**Health:** Joan B. Fitzmaurice '66, PhD '86

**Young Alumni Award of Excellence:** Adrianna S. Rodriguez '04

**Law:** Richard W. Renahan '55

**William V. McKenney Award:** William C. McInnes, SJ '44, MA '51

**Special Recognition Award:** Class of 1956 Lynch School of Education

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Hello Everyone:

Our Alumni Association year is rapidly coming to a close, and with it, my presidential tenure. Uppermost in my mind will be all of you whom I have had the privilege of meeting during these past 12 months. Whether it was in San Francisco, Boston, Pittsburgh, Chicago, South Bend, Charlotte, Naples, New York, Colorado or elsewhere, I have been enlivened and broadened by the enthusiasm of our association and you, our alumni. With the chapter program in place, the Alumni Association now has many centers of Boston College activity throughout the country. Our chapter leaders show an invigorating energy that is infectious, and it is with your support that they continue to lead in the spirit of "ever to excel."

This year has been one of hard work and progress by the board of directors. It would not have been possible without the steadfast support of my fellow officers. In addition to Susan Power Gallagher NC '69, I have been blessed with colleagues of insight, talent and dedication. John Griffin, Jr. '65, the immediate past president, has been a source of wisdom and sound advice when we needed it most. Tom Mahoney '74 has more than once stepped up to the plate and has lent his steady hand to the treasurer position. San Franciscan Julie Finora McAfee '93 has doubled as Bay Area chapter leader and board secretary, while simultaneously experiencing the joy and sleep deprivation of being a new mom! Jack Joyce '61, MBA '70, the chair of the Council of Past Presidents, has a wealth of ideas and the essence of the "can-do" spirit. Tom Flannery '81, the chairman of the nominating committee, with the able assistance of Dawn McNair '82, MEd '83, the chair-elect, did yeoman's work to provide us with a slate of candidates from which to choose our new board members. Bill Cunningham, Jr. '57 and Chris Flynn '80 so generously gave of their time and financial expertise to help us effectively manage the board's money matters. Committee chairs Sarah Ford Baine NC '69 (Communications), Ann Bersani '77 (Chapters), Emmett McCarthy '64 (Classes) and Susan Gallagher (Spirituality) have provided focus for the committees, whose work is the core of board activity. Father Bill McInnes, SJ '44, our chaplain and spiritual leader, is blessed with a wealth of experience, an easy laugh and the energy of a 30-year-old. He is a source of constant counsel and amazement.



The Alumni Association simply could not function without the dedicated work of the staff: Jenniffer Breer, Ann Connor, Jim Costa, Dianne Duffin, Dan Leahy, Ian Maisel, Eva Maynard, Denise McCarthy, Erin Melvin, Anne Merrill, Sayed Mohamed, Carol Naber, Julie Nuzzo, Peter Oakes, Lori Pio, Carol Quintiliani, Erica Rosenthal and Tory Watchko. All of your smiling faces, dedication to duty and hard work have made my job a pleasure. Much of our organization's success would not happen without the efficiency and tireless devotion of Senior Associate Director Jack Moynihan. Most importantly, the person I want to thank most, is Executive Director Grace Cotter Regan '82. Grace, you lead by example and are the embodiment of "a woman for others."

It is with pleasure that we welcome our new board members who will bring their own unique perspectives to our national board of directors. Elected by you, they reflect the breadth of talent of our graduates. They are Victor F. Ciardello '65; Kathleen Comerford '82; Marybeth Flynn '75, MBA '88; Christopher J. Kubala '93, MBA '00; Kimberly A. O'Neil '97; Susan Budassi Sheehy '69 and Jeffrey P. Somers '65, JD '68.

As of July 1, 2005, the reins of the association will pass smoothly to Susan Power Gallagher, who will be the 100th president of the Alumni Association. Her expertise and dedication to tradition will provide excellent, spirited leadership throughout the next year. It is comforting to know that the association will be in such good hands.

I will not disappear from the scene, becoming a member of the Council of Past Presidents whose collective wisdom is drawn on so frequently. I look forward to continued opportunities to serve Boston College. Taking with me many warm memories, I feel a deep sense of pride in our University and its graduates. There have been 98 previous presidents of this organization, but I can assure you there has never been a president who has relished the position more.

Christopher (Kip) Doran '68  
President, Boston College Alumni Association

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We regret to report the death of Albert C. Williamson on March 2, 2005, and the death of William J. Joyce on March 20, 2005.

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#### REUNION YEAR

We were planning a gala celebration of our 70th anniversary with a formal reenactment of the Philomatheia Ball in the main ballroom of the Copley Plaza Hotel, until we came across some statistics on college reunions that said that 70th reunions were notorious for poor attendance. So, we leave our reunion in the hands of the Alumni Association, which makes special plans for anniversary classes. • Since our last report, we have lost two of our valued classmates: Eli Darveau on December 22, 2004, and Dick (John) Vaughan on February 15, 2005. Credits to the Darveau clan must be given to Eli's father, Eli senior, who had the good judgment to send our Eli down from Gardiner, ME, to Boston College. Our classmate followed his father's example by increasing the ranks of the alumni by three: Richard ('72), Susan ('75) and Peter ('76). Eli and his wife, Doris, who survives him, had a long, productive and happy life together. Until recently, he had been active with golf and even rototilling his garden. As for his professional career in dentistry, he practiced for 50 years in Madison, ME, and was honored for his service. We can be sure that much of the work he did was for poor people at no cost. Boston College is proud of him. Now for Dick Vaughan.

Your correspondent and his wife, Annie, have had something in common with Dick and Mary Vaughan. We had heard the romantic story of how Mary had flown to Honolulu to marry Dick during World War II. It so happened that Annie, whose father was in the Navy, had gone to school there, and when we went back there for a class reunion, we went to Mass in the little chapel where Dick and Mary were married, and we brought back pictures. We have been friends ever since. So much for background history. But the romance continued to the end. Dick had just recovered from a heart attack and was resting up for a few days before going back to the hospital to receive a pacemaker. He and Mary were relaxed. At five o'clock on the day he died, they had their favorite "old-fashioned," followed later by one of their favorite meals, and they ended the evening, at bedtime, by saying the rosary together. Mary slept downstairs because she was just recovering from a hip replacement. In the morning, Dick didn't respond to her calling. His ailing heart had quietly stopped beating. We should all be so lucky when the time comes.

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I had a nice Christmas card from Bob Condon. Bob and his wife, Rita, live in Sugar Hill, NH. Our late classmate Paul McGrady lived in Indian Hills, CO. Two "hill" towns in different parts of the country! I never could figure out which name I liked better, so I guess it's a tie. • Ursula Mahoney, widow of our classmate John Mahoney, died in February 2005. She was a regular attendee at our class luncheons. Please remember Ursula and her family in your prayers. • At a luncheon in February we saw Bill and Mary Beth Plouffe of Portland, ME. Mary Beth is the daughter of Vin Mahoney of Lowell. She is a practicing clinical psychologist in South Freeport, ME. Déjà vu: Many years ago we had attended their wedding, Bill

#### 2005 Alumni Achievement Awards Ceremony

Save the Date:  
**Thursday, September 29, 2005**  
7 p.m., Robsham Theater

**All are invited to join us as we honor the accomplishments of 10 distinguished alumni.**  
Complimentary reception following the awards ceremony to be held in the Heights Room.

Please RSVP to 800-669-8430.

being a cousin. • Lindsey Martelli of Rutland, for the third year in a row, has been awarded the Bishop Lawrence J. Riley scholarship. She is a senior in the School of Nursing. Frank Hilbrunner, who initiated and keeps track of the fund, received the annual report recently indicating the fund is in good financial condition, considering the market! Any contributions we make to BC can be designated for the Bishop Lawrence J. Riley Scholarship Fund if you so wish.

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Greetings once again! The remarkable "Thank God" news is that, as of this writing, there have been no reported classmate deaths since the last issue. This happy news means that there are no sad obituaries to write up. It is at once a welcome relief for all of us but it provides a problem of space. What will we write about? What do we do? On the off-chance that some, if not all, of you 66 tough, old survivors of the Class of 1939 might be interested, we decided to identify you and to honor your survival by listing your names and states of residence. California (9) – Thomas G. Bradley, Robert T. Fee, Edward Foley, Vincent W. Johnson, John P. Luddy, Alfred M. Mahoney, William A. Meggison, Raymond G. O'Donnell and Rev. James I. Sullivan. Connecticut (1) – Ralph R. Worth. Florida (6) – Benjamin L. Chiampa, Paul H. Keefe, James P. Lynch, John J. O'Brien, John A. Petkus and C. Paul Scanlon. Illinois (1) – Edmund F. Kennedy. Maine (1) – Herbert L. Chernack. Maryland (1) – Robert T. Griffin. Massachusetts (36) – Ralph E. Baldwin, Francis P. Brennan, Joseph H. Casey, SJ, Rev. Donald G. Clifford, Richard J. Coner, Arthur I. Cox, John T. Crowley, Saul P. Davis, Fred T. Degregorio, John D. Donovan, William I. Donovan, Arthur R. Dray, Nelson F. Erickson, Lawrence J. Fitzgerald, Paul B. Flynn, Rev. Russell V. Guarcello, Paul A. Keane, Peter A. Kerr, Daniel M. Keyes, Andrew Lentine, Ralph F. Maglio, John F. McCarty, Rev. Philip G. McConville, James I. McGrath, John J. McGrath, SJ, Frederick J. Molloy, John L. Monahan, Charles J. Murphy, Wilfred E. O'Connell, Msgr. Alfonso G. Palladino, Edmund P. Quinn, Alderic W. Richard, Joseph A. Sammartino, Jerome P. Troy, Joseph F. Tuscher and William J. Vaughan.

Michigan (1) – Lawrence H. Valade. New Jersey (1) – Edward V. Kilduff. North Carolina (1) – Richard F. Casey. Ohio (1) – Walter H. Grady. Pennsylvania (3) – John J. Baldi, David J. Hurley and Leo R. Landrey. Virginia (1) – Francis A. O’Malley. Washington, DC (1) – Msgr. Joseph I. Teletchea. Ireland (1) – Francis Costello. Puerto Rico (1) – Joseph F. Brennan. That’s it! • In the absence of any other important news, let me add to this column an unexpected but happy personal experience. No, I did not win any lottery money! But since my retirement from the BC faculty a couple of years ago, I have been bothered by the fact that BC was not providing me and my fellow retirees with any place to hang our hats, to get together or even to do some scholarly library or research work. With the support of other retirees I made some noise about this and won the support of the academic vice president. The first result was the formation of a now active Association of Retired Faculty and the dedication this spring of the space we needed. This space – a suite no less, composed of a large lounge and three small work stations – is my happy personal achievement. To my surprise and with my undying gratitude this space is known as the John D. Donovan Retired Faculty Suite. What an unexpected honor! How “sweet” it is! • Now it’s your turn to send along some personal notes, to add or delete names from our survivor listing, and to continue to remember in your prayers both our departed and our not-too-healthy still living classmates. • One more big thing! Next September – a couple of months down the road – we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of our first days as BC students. That was September 1935. Remember – dressed in new shirts, ties and jackets and full of prayers that we’d make it – we walked up from the Lake St. streetcar, or, if we were among the lucky ones, we parked a 1920s or 1930s car in the lot alongside Gasson Hall! And then we went to our first class! What was it? Who was your first BC professor? Who were your section classmates, etc.? In case you’ve forgotten, your tuition that year was all of \$250. Wow! If you’re retired now, you may have enough time to reminisce and maybe even to write up or to tape some college memoirs for your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Peace!

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REUNION YEAR

A note is surely in order to mark the death of a celebrity who endeared himself and his band to the “Class of Forty,” none other than the great clarinetist Artie Shaw. At the sophomore prom on April 28, 1938, at the Somerset Hotel, Shaw,

then an unknown, introduced us to the haunting rhythm of his “Nightmare.” Then came “Begin the Beguine,” which resounded continually from our cafeteria jukebox and became for those who relaxed there truly the battle hymn of the class. Here is what **George V. Gallagher** wrote in his history of the class in the *Sub Turri* of 1940. “Like Cardinal Pacelli, Mr. Shaw rose to the top of his profession after paying Boston College a visit.” We kept the song in our hearts, and in spirit Shaw became a member of the class. George is still practicing law in Chicago and recently enjoyed a leisurely cruise from Europe, touching base with the late **Elmore Campbell**’s brother-in-law, Fr. Leary, a BC man and fellow Dorchesterite. • **Albert Sinofsky**’s son Bruce has won awards after awards for his film documentaries. His *Brother’s Keeper* is a testimony to the father’s lifelong dedication to the Jewish Big Brother Association. • We regret to report the death, on February 16, 2005, of classmate **Robert F. O’Malley**, who taught chemistry at BC for many years. If you write we will print it.

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Just a short column with a heartfelt hope that all of you and yours are well. By the time you read this, I hope we all are enjoying good, healthy and enjoyable weather and days. Time takes its toll, and all who praise the glorious 80s should speak for themselves. Our class continues to lose some of its finest men, and others are ill disposed at this time. I ask that among your nightly prayers to always include classmates, nonliving and living. As stated before, I receive limited correspondence, so I apologize for the brevity. • **Dave Merrick** is a faithful caller and is always interested in the welfare of classmates. He continues to enjoy good health and a good life in Florida with “Win,” his longtime wife and companion. Dave’s golf game continues to improve with a three handicap and many club victories. His loyalty to this class is laudable and appreciated. Dave also maintains a close relationship with **Jim Murray**, another admirable class member. • **Bob Collins** recently underwent surgery in Boston and is recovering well in Needham. He will eventually return to his residence in Fort Meyers, FL. Bob loved his days at BC, is a loyal alumnus and speaks often of happy days there. • **Jack Cullen** called to say hello to his classmates and mentions the academic achievements and successful efforts of two of his granddaughters, who are students at BC, one now studying at Oxford and the other continuing her studies and activities locally. • **Nick Sottile**, our president, continues his service and loyalty to BC. He has tickets to all BC sports and is a consultant to BC boards planning its

future. He is an advisor and a financial contributor to the BC program in Italian Studies. He also is a great and loyal admirer of his classmates, and has been busy making plans for our annual gathering in June. • **Len Frisoli**, **Jack Kehoe** and **George Hanlon**, who achieved high commendations for their FBI duties, were remembered in a recent memorial Mass for agents. • I wish you all the best, and may God and the Blessed Mother bless us always and in all ways. Pray for our departed classmates. I know how everyone has his own concerns, but I wish more would correspond with some information.

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With the winter now well behind us we can relax and reminisce of the successes of our athletic teams. As I compose these Notes, the men’s basketball team, guided by Coach Skinner, is undefeated through 14 games. Let me not forget the accomplishments of our women’s basketball team under the excellent guidance of Coach Cathy Inglese and, of course, the men’s hockey team under Coach Jerry York. We proudly congratulate each coach and each team for the honor they bring to alma mater. • Agnes and **Frank Colpoys** enjoyed the cold winter months at their quiet retreat overlooking the Gulf of Mexico in Naples, FL. Even with a bit of envy, I wish them many more years of the joy connected with the escape to a warm climate. • Since these “Notes” were submitted in February 2005, the list of those who attend our annual memorial Mass in June will be published in the Summer 2005 issue, which you’ll receive in August. • I strongly suggest, if you haven’t already done so, that you read the very excellent letter from Grace Cotter Regan (’82), our executive director, which appears on page 1 of the Class Notes section, immediately following page 28 in the Fall 2004 issue of the magazine. The book *Mountains Beyond Mountains* mentioned therein is well worth reading. Finally, my own very personal thanks to Anne Merrill, Associate Director of Communications, for her dedication, cooperation and inspiration. I believe those sentiments are shared by each and every class correspondent. See you in June.

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Once again we must begin with some sad news: The class sends its condolences to the family of **Paul Leary**, who died on September 23, 2003. Paul was a Navy vet and worked for years for the US Treasury Department. Our next condolences go to

Pat and the family of **Bill Shea**, who died on October 11, 2004. Bill was an Army vet, a Triple Eagle and a longtime lawyer in Boston, and he could always be found at a '43 function. Condolences also go to the family of **Tom O'Connor** of Winchester, NH, who died on November 4, 2004. Tom was an Army vet, having served in World War II and Korea, and practiced medicine for many years in New Hampshire. The class also offers condolences to the family of **Tom Heath, OP**, who died on January 13, 2005, in Kenya, as a result of a robbery and beating at the Dominican House in Kisumu. We must thank Fran Galligan for alerting us to this unhappy event and many thanks also to **Bob Donelan**, who sent us a great deal of the information of this killing via the Dominican Friars Website. The Alumni Association sponsored a memorial Mass on February 12 in St. Mary's Chapel for Fr. Tom. We wish to thank **Jim Harvey, John Hayes, Ernie Santosuoso** and your correspondent's wife, Marie, for making as many calls as possible to classmates who might attend the Mass. Chief celebrant was Richard McGowan, SJ, of the BC faculty, assisted by Fr. Joe Nolan ('42), William McInnes, SJ, ('44) and Fr. Louis Roy, OP, and serving as deacon, Joe Delaney ('44). Present from the class were Carol Sue and **Bob Donelan**, Marie and **Tom Murray**, Jean and **Paul Healy**, Dot and **Frank Hill**, Anne and **Bob Blute**, **Art Kennedy**, Jim Harvey, John Hayes, Eleanor and **Sam Church**, Maureen and **Al Donovan**, Jim Noonan, **Bob Winkler**, Pat Shea and Mary Boudreau. Due to a terrific traffic jam, **Hal Habib** and Ernie Santosuoso missed the event. Many of those present wondered about the collation, which was to follow the Mass. Evidently some signals got crossed. Further condolences go to the family of **Frank Richards**, who died on February 1, 2005. Frank was a member of the Newbury St. CBA, a native of Quincy and an insurance agent for many years. Condolences to the family of Fr. **Larry Cedrone**, who died in Waltham on February 2, 2005. Fr. Larry left us early for St. John's Seminary and was ordained in 1947. He served in many churches and was last the pastor of St. Joachims in Rockport. Further condolences go to Nancy and the family of **Jim Considine**, who died on February 20, 2005, at his home in Hatfield. Jim was a Marine Corps vet, serving in World War II and Korea. He was in public relations for many years and was perhaps best known for his millennium history of Marlborough, CT. And last, our condolences to **Jim Dunn** on the death of his mother on January 5, 2005. • Many thanks are due to classmates and widows for their gracious thank-you notes: Jean and Jim Harvey, **Frank Richards**, Genevieve and **Joe Sullivan** and Kay Lind. • We've learned that Mary and Eddie

**O'Connor** have moved to sunny California and would welcome notes from classmates. Your correspondent has their current address. • As promised in our last column, we will report on the Mass and luncheon of October 3, 2004. Mass was held in Corpus Christi Church, followed by lunch at the nearby Marriott. We are most thankful to Fr. **Dan Moran** as the celebrant, who was ably assisted by John Hayes and Jim Harvey. Although our ranks are thinning, we did have a good showing with the following in attendance: Dot and Frank Hill, Dot and **Dan Healy**, Marie and **John Bellissimo**, Genevieve and Joe Sullivan, Mildred and Ray Sisk, Jean and Jim Harvey, Bob Donelan, Bob Winkler, Joe O'Neil, **Tom Curry**, Ernie Santosuoso, Carol Finegan, Barbara Connolly, John Hayes, Helen O'Meara, and Marie and Tom Murray. We thank Paul Healy for his extra donation. I received a note from **Harry Lukachik**, who said he was sorry he could not join us for the Mass but is still writing his own column for the Stratford, CT, paper. I also heard from New Jersey's **Dick O'Brion** who regretted being unable to come. • I had a great Christmas card from **Herm Vorel**, telling us that the name of Vorel means eagle in the Czech language and how he remembers D-Day on Omaha Beach. I have received word that the United Cultural Convention has nominated **Bernard Henken** as recipient of the International Peace Prize. Bernie also was named one of the top 100 Health Professionals of 2005. • Let us all hope that our present status of snow and more snow soon "goes south," and spring will be in the air. In the meantime, please keep in touch.

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As these Notes are mailed to the Alumni Association in mid-February, BC's basketball team has defeated the Syracuse Orangemen at Chestnut Hill, establishing the Eagles as consistent leaders of the Big East, confirming another **Walter Fitzgerald** prediction at our 60th reunion last June. While alumni chapters across the country gather in homes and pubs to cheer our heroes into March Madness, this columnist pauses to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the landing of Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945. So many BC students in the 1940s left their studies on the Heights for the USMC training at Quantico, LaJeune and Dartmouth, and then on to the Island Hopping Campaign in the Pacific! Lest we forget, in the Iwo 36-day campaign, 5,931 US Marines were lost and 19,920 were wounded, with only 1,083 Japanese defenders surviving. *Semper fidelis*. In May 1945, when Germany surrendered, many who fought across Europe through France, the

Lowlands, and Belgium into Bastogne – and others in North Africa, Salerno, Anzio and up the Italian Peninsula – were next shipped across the Atlantic to Panama and on to the Pacific to participate in the final days of the war with Japan. This year, the 60th anniversary of V-J Day, is a special year to remember and honor our fallen BC alumni, including all who started with our class in 1940. In our prayers for them and all our '44 classmates now gone, we ask for God's help in recognizing the human frailty of leaders here on earth; the ever-present need to pray, plan and work for peace, using diplomacy, communication and commerce to share planet Earth's resources; and to convince skeptics that, working together, the diverse tribes and nation-states can successfully arrest and defeat the growth of poverty and head off wars so often fueled by poverty and fear. • It is unusual for these Notes, which usually highlight names of '44 classmates, to include in this issue only Walter Fitzgerald and his outspoken optimism. All who started in 1940 with the Class of 1944 wanted to and did make a difference. To them "Ever to Excel" was to become more than a slogan. It was the motto of *alma mater*, counseling: "Prepare and deliver; and if you falter, get up." Fellow members of the BC Club '44, it's your turn to report in on memories, opinions and news, including obituaries of classmates and a sea story on your own luck entering 2005. Send your report via mail or e-mail to my comfortable retirement digs at Friendship Terrace.

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REUNION YEAR

The Class Notes for our 60th reunion edition were submitted by an uninformed consortium due to the unexpected late winter hospitalization of **Lou Sorgi**, our dependable scribe who has kept the class together for so many years. Lou's robust health was impaired by a fall at his Milton home and subsequent complications. Despite this and other Medicare interruptions, a committee from the Class of 1945 started months in advance to plan for this jubilee and is hopeful that the results have been worthwhile. Lou Sorgi presided at the early meetings, with the loyal help of Lillian Sorgi. The University sent anniversary classmates brochures explaining accommodations and outlining an ambitious program for the Reunion Weekend, and '45ers were invited to participate in seminars and social events. It was a full schedule. A Mass co-celebrated by priest-classmates and a memorable luncheon on campus were the prime focus for the 60-year class. The committee must confess that, until reality set in, there were thoughts of a class get-

away at a resort or even a cruise. Either would have been nice but deemed impractical. More strenuous activity – such as golf – was to be an ad hoc decision. As we all are aware, ours was one of the BC classes that was severely impacted by service in World War II. It includes students who started at the Heights in September 1941 and also the following September, when their courses were markedly accelerated. The Alumni Association keeps track of graduates, and its current list for the Class of 1945 has 191 names, including 36 widows. Some 122 names are linked to '45-I and 69 names to '45-II. • The class extends its sympathy to **Joe Cancelliere** and his family. Joe's wife, Anne, died on February 18, 2005, in Florida. We also extend our sympathy to **Ed Kelleher** and his family. Ed's wife, Joan, died on November 23, 2004.

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The class is sorry to learn of the death of Ann Curley, the wife of **Bill Curley** and the sister of our classmate **Frank Perry**. Ann, who attended many of our class functions, was a devoted wife and mother. • **Bob Farrell** reports that he and his wife, Mary, were expecting their first great-grandchild in April. They have five children now, all 50 or older. They summer on the Cape in Sandwich.

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It is with deep regret that we report the death at the end of January 2005 of **Bill Flaherty**, class secretary and treasurer who wrote these Notes for the past several years. The sympathy of the class is extended to his wife, our dear friend Eileen; their four children, Marcia ('72), Andrea ('77), Richard and William; and their grandchildren, of whom Bill was so proud. Bill, a Navy vet of World War II, served his community and Boston College well through a life of achievement in the field of education, rising to be superintendent of schools in Billerica. He is most clearly remembered by me as the keystone of our alumni class through the years, holding us all together. We can all remember the many times he would enliven a class function by leading us in song or stepping to the podium to regale

us with humor and stories of our BC days. After his retirement, Bill was chairman of the trustees of the Billerica library and was instrumental in the library rebuilding program (there is a Flaherty Hall on the second floor). When our late classmate **Joe Dowd**, former president of the Alumni Association, founded the Institute for Learning in Retirement in 1992, Bill came to the fore again, leading seminars on Broadway musicals and classical big band jazz. My wife, Madelyn, and I took both of these 13-week seminars and loved every minute of them. He continued with the ILR for more than 10 years. In the time leading up to our 50th anniversary he was very helpful to our president, **John McQuillan**, in bringing about the magnificent success of our Golden Eagle celebration. He was especially helpful to **Sahag Dakesian**, the editor of our Golden Eagle yearbook, to which Bill contributed the foreword, prologue and epilogue. Bill was the master of ceremonies at the Golden Eagle dinner, doing a great job of introducing our honored guests, and then, with the help of **Bob Crane**, Fr. Monan, and **Paul McCarty**, SJ, leading us on to an outstanding musical conclusion. For several years Bill ran the annual golf outing at the Wayland Country Club and seemed to enjoy making fun of me, **Ernie Ciampa** and others at the 19th hole! The wake and funeral were held in Billerica and attended by many of our classmates and many from the Boston College community and the ILR. On the altar from our class were Fr. Bill Burckhart and Fr. Charlie McCoy, and representing Boston College was Joe Duffy, SJ, the secretary of the University from the Jesuit Community at BC. **John McQuillan** presented one of the readings. The funeral Mass was a moving and beautiful tribute to Bill and his family. A partial list of those from the class whom we remember seeing at the wake or funeral were Dorothy and John McQuillan, Amedia and Don St Andre, Margaret and Ernie Ciampa, Dorothy and Bill Murray, John Driscoll, Ed Tedesco, Bill Cohan, Bill McCool, Carol and Don McA'ulnity, Louise and Jim Whelton, Mary and John

**Hickey**, and Margaret and Sahag Dakesian. (There were others, but my memory is dimming.) • After the funeral, Bill's widow, Eileen, gave me the folder that Bill used in his work on Class Notes. Ernie Ciampa has agreed to act as treasurer of the class, and we are lucky to have his experience as a CPA to rely on in our business affairs.

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REUNION YEAR

**Edward P. O' Connor** died in November 2004 in Hamden, CT. He was born in Natick and served as a bombardier in the US Army Air Forces during World War II. After BC graduation he joined the FBI and served in Philadelphia and Washington, DC. In 1963 he moved to New Haven, CT, where he lived until his retirement in 1977. An avid golfer, he was a member of the Golden Age Group at the Laurel Country Club. Ed was active in St. Rita's Church in Hamden and served on the finance committee and parish council. He also was a member of the High Lane Club. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Eleanor Hastings of Hamden; three daughters, Susan Forte of Hamden, Anne Saybel of Stafford, VA, and Ellen of East Haven, CT; and four sons, Michael of Hull, Timothy of Madison, CT, and Dennis and John, both of Hamden. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church in Natick. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery, also in Natick. • I heard recently from **Bill McGagh** of California that he continues to split his time between Los Angeles and his home in Chatham on Cape Cod. In 2004 he took five round-trip flights. He serves as chairman of the board of the Los Angeles Orthopedic Hospital and the John Tracy Clinic for hearing-impaired infants and children. He also serves as chairman of two NYSE-listed, closed-end bond funds, Pacific American and Western Asset Premier Bond Fund, and a few open-end bond funds. He maintains an office in Beverly Hills with six other semiretired men. Bill's two daughters have given him eight grandchildren. Each year for a week after Christmas they go to a different place together, such as Disney World and a Disney cruise, Cabo San Lucas, the island of St. Thomas, the del Coronado in San Diego, and the new Montage Resort in Laguna Beach. In 2003 and 2004, Bill spent about 10 days each in Cuba and Ireland. • **Fr. Gilbert S. Phinn** died in Milton on February 19, 2005. For more than 50 years he served in the Archdiocese of Boston as a parish priest and a chancery official. At the time of his death he was pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church in Milton. Fr. Phinn was born and raised in West Roxbury. He graduated

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from Boston Latin School. He entered St. John's Seminary from Boston College and was ordained on September 29, 1953, by Cardinal Richard Cushing. In April 1964 he worked as a curate and secretary to Bishop Minihan at St. Theresa's in West Roxbury. In 1979 he was appointed director of personnel and clergy for the Archdiocese of Boston. During the pope's visit in 1978, Fr. Phinn was coordinator and master of ceremonies. He celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination in 2003. Rev. Paul Phinn said he will remember his brother as an energetic person, always on the go. "He was people oriented. He did everything he could to serve the people's needs," said his brother. "He was a brother priest and a priestly brother." Fr. Phinn lay in state on February 23. A concelebrated funeral Mass was said on February 24 by Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley at St. Elizabeth's Church. The burial was held in St. Joseph's Cemetery. • We learned recently from the niece of **Frank Bonanno** of her uncle's passing in January 2004. An Everett native, Frank entered the US Army upon graduation from Everett High School and was awarded the Purple Heart. After graduating from BC, he worked as a chemist at Natick Labs. • If you have any material for the magazine, please send it to me.

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#### REUNION YEAR

I am sorry to report the death of **Mary King Supple** ('50) on December 22, 2004. She is survived by her husband, Ed, nine children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A fuller life than Mary's is hard to imagine. Raising nine children would earn her a brilliant crown, but she managed to enrich the lives of many others out of the deep recesses of her faith, wisdom, energy and humor. She and her husband were involved in their parish, CFM, and with immigrants seeking a new life. In later years, they brought joy to Alzheimer's patients in nursing homes. Along the way Mary taught

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English at Mt. Alvernia High School and was a founding member of the Boston College Institute for Learning in Retirement. Please remember Mary, her husband, Ed, and their children in your prayers. I would love to hear from classmates!

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Seen decorating for the Cape Cod Chapter's annual Christmas party were Mary and **John Bacon**, Pat and **Art Casavant**, Marie and **Bob Corcoran**, Betty and **Marty Joyce**, Mary and **Tom Joyce**, Evelyn and **Charley Maher**, Helen **McQuade**, Margey and **Leo O'Keefe**, Eileen and **John Power**, and Catherine and **Bob Schiffmann**. • Words from the West: **George Crosby** writes from Cupertino (just south of San Francisco), where he and his wife of 51 years, Louise, bought a home right behind their son's house – and his pool! George is counseling for SCORE, with seminars/workshops. Also, he reports his two mystery novels, *Delen Close* and *The Funfun Club*, are "selling modestly, with good reviews" on amazon.com. He's working on number three. He talks regularly with Orlando, FL, classmate **Gene Maloney**, who plays tennis daily. • Peace came to **Don Ahearn** (Old Saybrook, CT, 1/6/05). Grew up in West Hartford. BSBA in finance. **Walter J. Casey, Jr.** (Hingham, 1/4/05). Grew up in Dorchester. AB in math. **Bob Castagnola** (Dedham, 1/4/05). Raised in Boston. BS in sociology. Track, four years. Korean War vet – US Air Force. Associate professor at BC's Graduate School of Social Work. Also was social worker in Massachusetts' correctional system. In 1986, he was honored as Massachusetts Social Worker of the Year. He was the recipient of BC's Companion of Justice Award in 1991. **Paul V. Dullea** (Peabody, 12/16/04). Grew up in Milton. BS in economics. **James M. O'Donnell** (Bridgewater, MA, 1/11/05). Grew up in Newtonville. AB in economics. Korean War – US Army Counter-Intelligence. Following a career in food packaging sales/management for brands such as Sealtest, McManus Ice Cream and Sweetheart Cup, he founded Food Packaging of New England, brokering dairy products packaging in the Northeast and throughout the United States. **William W. Shine** (Baldwin, NY, 2/27/05). BS in math. Former board member of the BC Alumni Association and founder of the BC Wall Street Council. Kevin Shine ('84) sends along this information about his dad. World War II (Iwo Jima), Korean War – US Marine Corps, major. Retired in 1987 as senior vice president for Chase Manhattan Bank, after 30-year career there. Prior to joining Chase, he was a mathematician (high altitude thermody-

namics) for AVCO Research Lab. Also, he was a consultant for Arthur D. Little, Cambridge. He taught data processing at Boston's Chamberlayne Junior College and New York University's Management Institute. He has authored articles in technical journals, including the *American Journal of Physics*. He was a member of the Data Processing Committee of the National Academy of Science and was former president of the 52 Association, an organization serving the nation's most severely wounded and disabled veterans. After retiring from Chase, he formed a management consulting firm, Shine & Associates, serving industry. He was active in local community affairs, including the Interfaith Nutrition Network. He is survived by his wife, the former Joanne M. Kearns, and his son, Kevin, and his wife, Loree, and their six daughters. Kevin writes: "My father's life was an example of faith and service to others. His friends and family mourn his loss, and pray that his example will inspire others to continue to support those less fortunate."

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Picture this: 40 inches of snow, 10° F, my notes are due and I have nothing to report. Suddenly my doorbell rings. I answer the door and standing before me is a guy wearing a cowboy hat and dark glasses. As I step back, he steps forward and hands me a stack of envelopes. I finally recognize him – it's Roger – delivering notes for me for our column. As he rides off – not on a white horse, but in a red Mercury – I thank him, say "goodbye" and wave. I wonder if Roger ever relaxes! He is kept busy doing volunteer work with the elderly and at the Milton Hospital but is never too busy to keep '52 up and running. Neighbors in Milton sending "hellos" were **Will Hynes**, **Bob Quinn**, **J. Barry Driscoll**, **Fred Tarpey**, **Peter Chrisom**, **Paul Stanton** and **Larry J. Sullivan**, who moved to Milton from California. From the West Coast, we heard from **Dick Schwartz**, who serves on the Sonoma County Community Committee, **Mary Beth Naeger** in Walnut Creek, **Eric Johnson**, **Gary Gammal** and **William Greene**. Still living in Boston are **John Kennedy** (West Roxbury), **Joe Sheehan** (Charlestown), **Jim DeGiacomo**, who recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary and is still practicing law in Boston, **John O'Connor** (Dorchester), **Fran Duggan** (Roslindale), **Frank Whalen** (Jamaica Plain) and **Addie Powers** (Allston). Sending notes from Florida were **Dave Fitzpatrick**, **Dick Ring**, **Paul Enos**, **Bob Doherty**, **Bernie Cullen**, **Vin Greene**, **Frank O'Leary**, **James Regan**, **Paul Donovan**, who is busy with volunteer work in Viera, **Dick Shuman**, **Ed Lafferty**, **Al Sexton** and **Hugh McCarthy**. From

Cape Cod, we received greetings from Ed Gallivan, Jim Smith, Bob Allen, Miles Murphy, who was on the maiden transatlantic crossing of the new *QMII* and is still playing golf and tennis, Jay Hughes, Dan McFeeley, Bob Earley, Mrs. Phyllis (John) Flaherty, George Gallant, who is recovering nicely from recent surgery, Tom Donahue, Howard MacRae, Peter Genovese, Fr. Tom Murray, Walter McDonough, who moved to Centerville from Arlington, VA, Rita McGowan, Alex Morgan, Paul Smith, Paul Woods, Lex Blood and Joe McKenney. Sorry to hear that Joe's wife, Peg, recently passed away. He has seven children and 14 grandchildren. From New Hampshire we heard from Arthur Farley, Tom Murphy, Jack Leary, Kirwin MacMillan, who has a new great-grandchild, Tim Ring, Bill Doherty, Phil Frazier, Joe O'Shaughnessy, Mrs. Mary (George) Campbell and Al Casassa. Other New Englanders were J. Paul Hickey, who has three children in the Middletown Sports Hall of Fame, and Paul McPherson (Connecticut) and Larry Welch (Vermont). From Rhode Island we heard from Jim Cregan, Mary Conneely, who received her MED with '52, Joe Carr, Joe Keohane and Mike Roarke, who is kept busy with his four grandchildren. Other out-of-staters were Tom McGowan (Arizona); Fred Sigda (Indiana); Frank Hogan (Pennsylvania); Joe Wesner (Texas); Dave Sullivan (Ohio); John Ricci (Wisconsin); Jim Nichols (Minnesota); Paul Reardon, Dan Griffin and Ed Joyce (New Jersey); Bill Killoran, Bob Suleski, Ken Flynn, Bob Gaughan, Bob Grossman and John Healy (Virginia); Bill Scholz and Paul Doucette, who recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary (Georgia); Jack Donovan, whose granddaughter Shannon will graduate in 2005 from Boston College, John Kastberg, Joe Chisholm, Gene Clark and Leo Stankard (New York); and Bill Walsh (Illinois). From Springfield to Framingham we received "hellos" from Art Powell, Joe Shay, John Loughman, Larry Murren, Stan Kustron, Frank Canning, Dave Murphy, Paul Drummond and Emil

Macura. North of Boston we heard from Walter Foley, Gene McAuliffe, Jim Kenneally, Bill Newell, Murray Viehl, John Kellaher, Joe Miett, Jim Callahan, Fr. Henry Jennings, Dick Bangs, Mrs. Marie (Richard) O'Connor, Charlie Hanafin, Joe Muscato, Mrs. Ellen (Robert) Lavin, Dave Drislane, who is working on natural history photography, Pat Clancy, Jim Birmingham, Frank Vaughan, who went to Italy for his 50th wedding anniversary, Fred O'Sullivan, Stan Saperstein, Maurice Hastings and Beatrice (Ames) Olivieri. South of Boston greetings were from Msgr. Peter Martocchio, Jim Mulrooney, who is living at Traditions in Dedham, Mrs. Eileen (Robert) Freeley, Mary Fallon McCabe, Mrs. Rosamond (William) Fandel, Frank Sullivan, Anthony Losocco, Fr. Paul Curran, Annette Lawless Lyons, Bob Trimper, who recently retired as adjunct finance professor at Northeastern University, Patricia Chard O'Neil, whose grandchild Christy is headed to BC in 2005, Jack Monahan, who is enjoying retirement from the Norwood school system, Paul Nolan, Henry Hart, Mrs. Shirley (George) Carney, Mary Lynch and Ann Hanson. Also, from the greater Boston area, we heard from Bob Hart, Charlie Daly, Mrs. Paula (Terry) McCoy, Tom McElroy, Steve Casey, Mrs. Jeanne (Richard) Clancy, Mrs. Lois (James) Gallagher and Fr. John McIntyre, SJ, who resides at St. Mary's Hall. Sadly I report the death of Renald Cote, who passed away in December 2004. Rene was originally from Salem. That's all for now. Stay healthy! Keep smiling! And please send news.

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Our class had a memorial Mass on Saturday, October 16, 2004, at Blessed Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus. Classmates Fr. Larry Drennan and Fr. Tom Fleming were the concelebrants. The liturgy was offered for all members of the Class of 1953, their families and guests, especially those we have lost since graduation. The readings were done by John Costa and Paul Murray. The organist was Cathy Grein. Dick Horan offered the Prayers of the Faithful and Barbara and Austin Smith did the Presentation of the Gifts. After Mass a reception and dinner were held at Alumni House. There were 56 classmates and guests in attendance. Prior to our dinner, Class Vice President Bob Willis addressed the audience and brought the greeting from President Paul Coughlin and Mary Anne, who couldn't attend due to illness. He then talked about some upcoming events. Bob then introduced Joan Hart who gave the blessing. Dining together were Barbara and Marty Morgan, Dick Curran and Judith Golden, Fr. Larry Drennan and John Costa and

Mimi Iantosca Costa. Dick and Joan Horan were seen dining with our host of the evening, John McCauley, and Ray Kenney and his wife, Claire. Peggy and John Coleman shared a table with Austin and Barbara Smith, Joyce Welch, Fr. Tom Fleming and Marie and Matt Flaherty. Irene and Bill Martin dined with Fred Good and his wife, Barbara Anne. Pat and Joe Carroll and Joan and John Keating filled out that table. Maureen and Jack McCarthy with help from my wife, Mary, entertained Maureen and Joe Tower and Muriel and Art Delaney with stories of our latest class trip. Also sharing stories about our trip were Mary and Bob Willis and Priscilla and Dennis Cronin. The attentive listeners were Nancy and Dave Lane, who missed this trip but had traveled with us to London and Paris. Rosemary and Gene Sullivan, John Norton, Eleanor and Sal Venezia and Joan and Maurice Hart, all veterans of our latest adventure, shared memories over dinner. Making up the last table were Jean and Paul Murray, Elizabeth and Bob Sullivan, Jean McGinnis, and Therese and Jack McCarty. John McCauley awarded the door prizes, and all went home happy after a great evening. • The University Chorale of Boston College and the Boston College Symphony Orchestra presented Christmas on the Heights in Trinity Chapel on December 5, 2004. Thirty-five classmates and friends attended. After an outstanding program we walked to Stuart Hall to have cocktails and dinner in the Stuart Cafe. Pat and Joe Carroll were seated with Katherine and Fred Conroy and Mary and Jim Livingston. Mary Anne and Paul Coughlin, Gerry and John McCauley, and Mary Lou Maloney, widow of Lawrence Edward Maloney, were seated together. Joan Kelleher and Helen Finn, friends of Mary Lou, also joined the Coughlins and the McCauleys. Maureen and Joe Tower were seated at a table with Priscilla and Dennis Cronin, Mary and Bob Willis, and Jim Willwerth and his Mary. They were shown pictures of the Danube River cruise and were reminded all through dinner about all the fun they missed. Mimi and Jack Costa came down from Orrs Island, ME, for the concert and dinner. They enjoyed dinner with Dick Curran and Judith Golden, and Claire and Ray Kenney. Christine and Jack Lynch dined with Rita and Bob Galvin, Muriel and Art Delaney and Joanie and Jack Keating. Marie and Matt Flaherty and Helen and Jim Queenan signed up for the concert and dinner but were among the missing. I checked with both classmates the next day to be sure they were OK. When I chatted with Matt, he said that he was sorry to miss the party but was recovering from a cold. I asked him if he met Jim Queenan at the hospital because he was there around the same time. He said no. Jim reported that his help was needed to get a patient to the hospital in an emer-

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gency. He related that both he and Helen were disappointed to miss the concert and dinner. He also told me that the medical emergency was under control. I had a nice talk with Mary Lou Maloney and her friends Joan and Helen. They all commented on how much they are enjoying the Class Notes. Dick Curran gave me an update on the political picture in Woburn. Dick is excited because his son John, the mayor of Woburn, was to be married in April. According to Dick, the bride-to-be loves politics and fits right in with the mayor's lifestyle. We are happy for you, Dick. Maureen and Joe Tower reported that they found the new home they were looking for and hope to move soon. • From the mailbag: On December 6, 2004, Gerry McCauley wrote, "We just saw you yesterday afternoon, and we have some class news as of this morning. We had a sad phone call from the son of one of your classmates to tell us that his dad, **John P. McKinnon**, had passed away last night quietly in his sleep. You might recall that during your 50th anniversary weekend at BC, his '6-foot likeness' was the cut-out displayed along with the question 'Who Is This?' when you registered. You guys threw your answers into a basket for a gift drawing at the Saturday night dinner. A little history: Jack was a QB on the varsity football team, and also a pitcher on the BC baseball team that went to the NCAA Championship Tournament in Omaha, NE, in the spring of 1953, and took BC to the semifinals. As a result, he signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers. John and I had lunch with Jack and his wife, Dorothy, at our home last Thursday. The weekend before, we hosted a BC gathering at our home to watch the BC-Syracuse game that included **John Toppa**, Mike Roarke ('52) and Gilbert Rocha ('54). John is survived by his wife, Dorothy; three sons, John P. McKinnon, Jr., and Kevin F. and Brendan M. McKinnon, all of Little Compton, RI; four daughters, Mary M. Nicole of Farmington Hills, MI, and Maureen R. Rego, Patricia E. Goulart and Kathryn M. Madden, all of Little Compton; and 28 grandchildren. May he rest in peace. • I talked with President Paul Coughlin recently. He reported that we have a tentative date set for June 8, 2005, for our annual golf outing. So, golfers, mark your calendars. Again, it will be at the golfer-friendly Wayland Country Club. Twenty golfers answered the call last year. All golfers are welcome. The format is Florida-type scramble. If you play once a year or 100 times a year you can still participate and have fun. For a little nostalgia I checked out the pairings for June 5, 1996. 11:15 a.m. Austin Smith, Fr. Larry Drennan, Jim Willwerth and Jim Wholly. 11:23 a.m. Bob Mullin, Ed Hanlon, Jack Lynch and Maurice Hart. 11:31 a.m. Tom Vanderslice, Leo Reynolds, Spike Boyle and Paul Ochs. 11:39 a.m. Bill Duggan, Jim Low, Walter Corcoran and

Joe DeSalvo. 11:47 a.m. Gerry McLaughlin (RIP), Dick Horan, Leo Grace and Fr. Paul Ryan. 11:55 a.m. John Reynolds, William Ostaski and Don Burgess. 12:03 p.m. George Kiesewetter, Gerry Pyne, Art Tierney and Bob Parks. 12:11 p.m. Paul Murray, Bob Sullivan and Jack Coleman. 12:19 p.m. Dennis Cronin, Bob Willis, Paul Coughlin and Fred Good. In case you were wondering, the winning team was Gerry McLaughlin's team of Horan, Grace and Ryan, who had a best ball 64. Your committee was Paul "Bogie" Coughlin, Fred "Par" Good, Dick "Ace" Horan and Jim "Birdie" Willwerth. See you in June.

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The 50th reunion yearbook has been sent out. All will agree that a great job was done by the committee. It included Peter Nobile, Lou Totino, Bob King, John Ford and many others. The interest in attending a BC hockey game is still strong. The following attended the BU vs. BC game: Peter Vasaturo, Ed Smith, George Seaver, Frank Patchell, Jim O'Halloran, Dan Miley, Paul McGee, John J. McCarthy, Bill Kirchner, Bert Good, John M. Kelley, Bert Giroux, Ed Evangelista, Jim Callahan, Frank Bonarrigo, Henry Bagley, Peter Nobile, Tom Warren, Rufus King, John Ford, Lou Totino, Murray Regan, Dick Hughes and Tom Lang. A very interesting newspaper article was sent to us about **Lou Maloof**. Lou, who is a retired advertising executive, spoke at a forum sponsored by the Cape Cod Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an international peace group. As a volunteer with the International Solidarity Movement, Lou was an observer/consultant in the Palestinian presidential election in January.

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I must admit that I am feeling a growing sense of excitement and anticipation as the first week of June approaches. The alumni office has planned many wonderful activities for our Golden Eagle celebration, plus, for a very selfish reason, I will get to meet and greet so many of you whom I have never met before as well as those I already know. • Dick Renehan sent me a delightful review of the cruise that many classmates took last August. He had submitted a more detailed review for the yearbook and wrote a shorter version to

share with you via this column, so read on and enjoy. "For 12 lucky members of the class, our 50th anniversary year began in a special way. With guidance from Barbara and John O'Connell and Carolyn and Dan Foley, we set sail in August for a two-week Scandinavian cruise. In attendance, in addition to the O'Connells and the Foleys, were Karen and Bob Crowley, Carol and Tom Driscoll, Joan and Joe Jacobs, Virginia and Dick Hill, Dorothy Ching Hughes, Jane O'Donnell, Fran and George Malone, Thelma and Giles Mosher, Mary and Dick Renehan, and Maryann and Dick Troy. Highlights of the trip included wanderings by the Little Mermaid in Copenhagen, seeing the Olympic ski jump in Oslo, strolling through the medieval Old Town in Stockholm, visiting the scene where Rasputin was shot and poisoned in St. Petersburg, and ending up in Estonia (the 'Tiger of the Baltic'). While at sea our spiritual advisor, Fr. McInnes, said Mass for us. To round out the cruise, we spent the last night collectively singing with 'Barry from Boston' (complete with his New York accent). The sing-along ended with Barry playing a rousing version of 'For Boston,' using a score drafted on a napkin by Mary Renehan. The anniversary year was off to a lively start." • From the editor's desk comes both an update on the progress of the yearbook plus a note of thanks. Jean O'Neil reports that the yearbook is in the final proofreading stages and that all deadlines have been met. She anticipates that it will be ready for distribution during our celebration in June. Jean also wants to express her thanks to all those who sent in biographies, pictures and articles, as well as those who joined her in the tedious task of proofreading. • As so often happens, my column ends by acknowledging that eternal life has begun for a classmate and/or a member of a classmate's family. Sadly, **Tom McGovern** died this winter. Tom had been a prominent businessman in Lynn for many years and served three terms on the Lynn City Council. He also had been a deputy sheriff for Essex County and a probation offi-

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cer for the Lynn District Court. In true Jesuit tradition, Tom served on many committees. Because I am typing this in March, it is of interest to note that he was honored as the "Irishman of the Year" in the 1980s by the Friendly Knights of St. Patrick. Tom is survived by his wife of 45 years, Lois, plus his son, Thomas, Jr., and his daughter, Sally, as well as other members of the family. Two classmates parted with siblings. Sylvia Chapin, the sister of Doris Frediani, died in Ohio after a long illness, and John Johnson's brother, Gerald, died fairly suddenly in February 2005. Our hearts and our sympathy go out to all of them and their families.

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As of this writing, we have 23 registered to go on the Mediterranean cruise that will kick off our 50-year anniversary celebration. This includes 13 classmates. Marie and I will be unable to go, since we were already committed to go to Prague, Vienna and Salzburg in May with my parish choir on a concert tour. Suggestions for other reunion events include a tour of the Weston Observatory and its seismograph, which recorded the earthquake that preceded the devastating tsunami last December, and a Day of Recollection in October. By the time you read this, you should have received a letter from the yearbook committee asking you to submit biographical information for the 50th reunion yearbook. The yearbook will be distributed to those who submit biographies. • Tony and Marge (Callahan) Cammarota e-mailed me to say that they spent two weeks in Ostuni, Italy, teaching conversational American English at the public school, with emphasis on life in America. After retiring in 1995, they needed something more than travel as tourists. They spent their free time exploring local areas uncrowded by American tourists, and visiting Tony's relatives about 150 miles away. They also spent a week in Rome, with some time at the Museum of Roman Civilization in the EUR section. • Jack Cullinane is taking part in the current events course that Marie and I are leading at the BC Institute for Learning in Retirement. We have enjoyed leading the course every spring. If you have an institute or equivalent at a college near you, we urge you to sign up. The course offerings, led by peers, are interesting and challenging, and in historical subjects, class members frequently have personal experience. • Personal

report: In December I had successful thyroid surgery. Don't know yet whether I'll be on medication. • Carolyn Kenney Foley sent word that Mary T. O'Reagan Looney's husband, Dan, died in late December 2004. John Bergin passed along the sad news that we have lost two more classmates. Bob Driscoll died in November 2004, and Jim Martin died early in January 2005. They were summer neighbors, since Bob had a summer home near where Jim lived. Jim was class treasurer for many years and a good friend. When I was downsized several years ago, he suggested several classmates as sources for possible job leads. John and Ed Lynch went to Jim's wake. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. • Once again, thanks for your e-mails, letters, and calls. Your classmates want to hear what you're doing.

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The seventh annual Arts Festival was held at BC on April 30, 2005. This has become a very popular and ever-growing class event over the last several years. In as much as this edition of Class Notes was due on March 4, 2005, I will pass on further details of this fine event in the next issue of the magazine. • Tom Ahearn, MM, in his Christmas 2004 letter message, mentions that he is still working in the nursing-care facility at Mission St. Teresa at Maryknoll, NY. Tom relates that he sees signs of hope despite the sickness there, when some of his fellow priests and brothers not only accept their illness, but are blessed with a wonderful disposition to their suffering, and for some their impending death. Tom, you truly are a most caring priest for others. God bless you always. • Ed Buccigross is spending a lot of his retirement time as district deputy of the Knights of Columbus in Nashua, NH. Jack Conway recently underwent triple bypass surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in February. Jack had some previous surgeries last year and no doubt has been "through the mill" to say the least. Please keep Jack in your prayers. • George Hennessy and his wife, Dotty, attended the Continental Tire Bowl in Charlotte on December 30, 2004, where BC and North Carolina matched up. BC won 37-24, and by their accounts, it was a very thrilling game and a great win for alma mater. • Gerry Kelly, MM, as a Maryknoll missionary priest, is currently spending a lot of time on the Mexican border. He is holding training relation-

ships with parishes in Texas and Mexico, where he is garnering a lot of interest in his pastoral mission. Gerry and Tom, our class Maryknoll priests, you both are simply the best! May the good Lord continue to bless your individual work. • Bob Little reports that he and his wife spent a month in Tuscany last fall. They stayed in a remodeled farmhouse for two weeks in a remote area. While they were waiting to check in for their accommodations, Bob chatted with some people and found they were none other than Owen Gaffney and Phil Considine, whom Bob was meeting for the first time! What a small world! • Jim Roach retired last July after 12 years as president of Western Connecticut State University in Danbury. He is now a resident of Bonita Springs, FL, and recently became a member of the Boston College Chapter of Southwest Florida. • The class extends its sincere sympathy to the family of Edward P. Cicconi, who passed away in July 2004. • Just a reminder to forward in your class dues if you have not already done so. Please remit in the amount of \$25 or more to Bill Tobin, 181 Central St., Holliston, MA 01746. Please take some time to send in your notes! The "well of creativity" has just gone dry! Remember new content is always "a breath of fresh air." I would appreciate your concentrated assistance. Thanks and best wishes to all.

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Many thanks to Ed Gilmore and Bea Busa for planning and organizing our annual class luncheon held on March 3 at the beautiful Stonebridge Country Club in Naples, FL. As usual, it was a resounding success. Among those in attendance were Cynthia and Don Agnetta, Tony ('59) and Bea Busa, Mary Ann and John Dooley, Betty and John Eliopoulos, Bill and Margaret Fitzgerald, Lovey and Joe Giardina, Elaine and Ed Gilmore, Betty and Mike Grady, Paul Greene, Pat ('59) and Paul Grip, Dick Hartigan, Jackie and Jack Kudzma, Nancy ('59) and Tom Lane, Larry Lynch, Joan Driscoll ('57) and Tom Lynch, Joyce and Paul Maney, Dorothy and Dante Marinelli, Dick McArdle, Marilyn and Leo McCarthy, Charlie McGowan, Margaret and Frank Meissner, Pat and John Nee, Lynn and Bill O'Brien, Dot and Bob Pickette, Bob and Eileen Plunkett, Barbara Quigley, Marilyn and Jim Quinn, Marilyn and Dave Rafferty, Cathy and Jack Rooney, Barbara and Dick Shea and Bill Sweeney. Grace Cotter Regan ('82), Executive

Director of the Alumni Association, was also in attendance and gave us an informative update on alumni activities and the University. • Charlie McGowan is retired and living in Mattapoisett and Venice, FL. Leo and Marilyn McCarthy are living in Sandwich and Cape Coral, FL. Dante and Dot Marinelli are living in Westborough and Naples, FL. Jack Nee recently retired from Cirelli Foods and is living in Quincy. Paul and Elizabeth Greene are living in Hingham and Bonita Springs, FL. Paul retired from Pitney Bowes and has eight grandsons. John and Betty Eliopoulos are living in Naples, FL, and Swampscott. John is a retired vascular surgeon and has three sons and three grandchildren. After BC, John went to Yale Medical School. Tom and Joan Driscoll Lynch live in Naples for six months and Berwyn, PA, for six months. Tom Lane has been retired for seven years after working as a high school principal for 31 years. Tom and Nancy have six kids and 12 grandchildren. Jack and Cathy Rooney live in Norwell, where they are active in Habitat for Humanity on the South Shore. They spend March in Venice, FL. Joe and Lovey Giardina spend their time between Mashpee Island in Bourne and Bonita Springs. Don and Cynthia Agnetta commute between Milton and Sanibel Island. Don is retired from the City of Boston School Department. Bill O'Brien spends his time both in Yardley, PA, and in Bonita Bay. Brenda Reilly Malloy winters in Naples at Wilderness Country Club and summers in Chicago. Congratulations to Jim and Marilyn Quinn on the birth of their first grandchild, Carolyn, in Philadelphia. Jim just completed an intensive course in changing diapers. Since Frank Meissner has turned over his insurance business to his son Stephen ('88), he and Margaret will be spending more time in Falmouth and Sarasota. Marine Major Carl Simons, son of Peggy and Dick Simons, is currently serving our country in Iraq! Class condolences go out to Bill Sweeney on the sudden loss of his dear wife, Joanne. Joanne had been a regular attendee with Bill at our class luncheons. Please remember Joanne in your prayers. Paul and Pat Grip, our neighbors here at Stonebridge Country Club, recently moved into a "seasonal" condo in Westborough, where they will spend their summers and be near four of their six children and six of their nine grandchildren. Jack Murray reports from Burlington, VT, that he is still practicing pediatrics and has five grandchildren. Barbara O'Connell and her husband, John, spend their time between Newton and South Yarmouth. Dick McArdle, retired for 16 years, is living in Pelican Bay in Naples for seven months and the other five months in Ludlow, VT. Not a bad life! Dick recently visited his son and three grandchildren in Chicago. His son

is a managing director at Goldman Sachs. Congratulations to Jack and Jackie Kudzma on the birth of their newest grandchild, Lang Kudsma. Frank O'Neill, president of the Hibernian Club of San Francisco, hosted its 56th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration; Dublin Lord Mayor Michael Conaghan was the featured guest. Ernie Caponi spends his time at the Leominster library tracing his family roots, primarily in Italy. • Please, I need to hear from you. I receive very little information from classmates, which makes writing this column very difficult. Don't forget your class dues. Send \$25 to **Jack "Mucca" McDevitt, 25 Cedar Rd., Medford, MA 02155.**

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As I write these notes in early March, the hockey and basketball teams have had exceptional success and are certain to get to the NCAA playoffs. In January, the class watched BC beat BU in hockey, and our reception brought out Bill Sherman, Dick Ganong, Larry Harding, John Keaveney, Jack Donahoe, Bill Carnes, Jim Cappelletti and some other snowbirds. Roe and Joe McGuill attended, with Roe in an ankle cast from watching too much hockey. In February, many of our classmates attended the funeral of **Jack Wiseman**. Jack died suddenly, and the shock was apparent in his large family and many friends. Barbara and I had seen Jack and Peggy in late November. He seemed healthy and was keen to debate me over the results of the November election. I knew Jack from Miss Lamb's first-grade class when we were six years old. Our friendship continued through high school and college. We were in each other's weddings. We had caddied together (with Bill Sherman) when we were 11 to 13 years old at Winchester Country Club.

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We had our first furtive beers together... many memories and a great many laughs. Jack had a big and easy laugh (and he liked my jokes). Looking back now, after 60-plus years, I think that Jack was the best of us, calm, caring, generous and optimistic. He never changed. To Peggy and their children he was a devoted husband and father, a model for all of us. Like many of his friends, I shall never forget him. I saw many classmates at the wake: **Jack Canavan, Bill York, Bill Sherman, Peter McLaughlin, Leo Schofield, Joe McGuill and Manny Conceison**, among them. The class sends its condolences to Peggy and the children, with our expression of gratitude for Jack's many contributions to the class. Enjoy the summer and keep writing.

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Our class bird-watching expert, **Patty O'Neill**, has enjoyed some bird-watching expeditions to exotic places. Her most recent adventure was a February 2005 trip to Namibia, Africa! It's always so nice to see several familiar faces at the Lenten Guild of the Holy Spirit series of Masses and lectures held on the Newton campus. Included among those attending were Joanne Hynek, Honey McLaughlin, Kathleen Lawlor, Janet Connelly and Maryjane Casey. Patty O'Neill has volunteered to have her e-mail address listed with our column. Please e-mail her at [pattyoneill@juno.com](mailto:pattyoneill@juno.com) with any news you wish to have included and she will pass it along to me. Any additions to our class news will be most welcome! May each of you enjoy a delightful summer of rest and relaxation.

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**REUNION YEAR**

**Peter Manning** has retired from the banking business and is now serving on a few boards. The Mannings have 13 grandchildren. Can any classmate's family match or exceed this number? For over three years, **Edmund Toomey** has been president of the New England Aquarium, where he was instrumental in steering the institution through its financial problems, making it a viable entity today. Ed has returned to his career in academia, as he has accepted the position of chief operating officer of Lesley University of Cambridge. Prior to the aquarium, Ed spent four decades as a university administrator, including his last post as associate chancellor at the University of Massachusetts at Boston. **Bob Reagan** recently retired as a teacher after 39 years. Bob married late and has two young sons.

He keeps in shape by running road races but no marathons. **Paul Cunningham** writes from the mountaintop that all is well in Sugarbush. He has to ski downhill to pick up his morning paper. Poor boy... As I write, I am looking forward to seeing all of you on June 3, 4 and 5 for our 45th reunion.

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## REUNION YEAR

Thanks to all those who helped with the planning of our 45th reunion, held on June 3-5, 2005. I will report on the weekend's events and news in the Summer issue. Please respond to this request for an update on your current interests and whereabouts. Mail or e-mail the information to me (see above). This will be a huge help in my endeavor to be inclusive. **Patricia Winkler Browne** wrote: "Dick and I went to Rome in early December as members of the Pope's Lay Foundation, Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice (CAPP). CAPP aims to express Catholic social teaching by the business, professional and academic communities. Its goal is to provide human dignity and life to all in the community. While in Rome, we went on a Scavi tour, which takes you under St. Peter's. Here you see the streets of Rome from the first century. Dick and I were also among 40 people who were personally presented to the pope and shook his hand. I spoke with Mother Superior, Claire Pratt, RSCJ, but couldn't get together with her as she was giving a keynote speech for a Convention of Religious Superiors." • I received the announcement in the *Herald* about **Mary Elisabeth Brusch Mulkeen**'s marriage to Melvin Field on November 28, 2004, at St. Paul's Church in Cambridge. Mary Elisabeth was a widow with two grown children. She is a manager of quality assurance at ImmunoGen, a biotech company in Cambridge, and Mel is a retired electrical and systems engineering consultant. Congratulations to both of you! • For those of you who have access to a computer, take a look at the Alumni Association Website, [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni). There is a Newton page on the Website that describes current events for NCSH alumnae. Try it! • Even though there is snow on the ground as I write, it'll be June when this issue arrives. Wishing you all a safe, healthy and fun summer!

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Perhaps the best benefit of writing this column is the ability to have some insight on the travels and accomplishments of people with whom we shared four won-

derful years. Sometimes it is in relating the success in fields of business or one of the many professions we chose. There are personal stories that are always a part of the fabric woven over time to create the garment of our lives. We rejoice with our friends when they are happy because they have reached new milestones, and we express our condolences as they experience important losses in their lives. And so it goes. Once in a while I hear from someone who is in a position to play on the world stage. Such is the case of **John Cummings**. In a convoluted arrangement involving the World Bank, the Iraqi government and the British government, John is working in the notorious Green Zone in Baghdad. He claims to be the oldest BC grad at that site. I'll quote: "I'm quartered with the British Embassy staff in a commandeered parking garage, which is considered safe because of its thick concrete roof. Inside the garage are about 65 two-person pods – sort of modified shipping containers – with additional pods for communal toilets and showers. My living space is approximately equal to two-thirds of a normal-sized parking slot. But it's home and if a bit cramped, not uncomfortable. My wife has been posted here at the US Embassy for almost a year, so this assignment at least gives us the chance to be together for the next several months. Our two sons now at university back in Texas think it's rather cool to have both parents in Iraq. I hope I will be able occasionally to leave the zone and see more of the country, where I spent two years back in the '60s as a volunteer teacher at one of the Jesuit schools here at the time. It is difficult to monitor economic development if you are stuck behind a desk for 12 hours a day, seven days a week." • Word has come that **Dan Cohen**'s mother, Nellie, passed away on January 30, 2005. She was an Emerson College graduate and taught grade school in Mansfield for 20 years. Our sincerest condolences to Dan and his family. Donations to memorialize her can be made to Boston College, College of Arts and Sciences. • Please keep me in mind; I cannot write this column unless people

give me something to write about, and I know there is a lot going on with you that I'm not aware of. Godspeed to all.

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Thank you one and all for your e-mails. There is so much news that I will probably put some in this edition and the following. I hope **Sr. Judy Vollbrecht** forgives me but I somehow lost her wonderful note describing her mission work in Haiti with three other RSCJ sisters. There is so much poverty and danger there, which takes its toll, especially on the children. When **Faith Mead Bertrand** heard about Sr. Judy's efforts she wrote that she would try to get the board of her group Children Singing for Children to approve donating its fund-raising monies to the Sisters in Haiti. In her note, Faith said that she and her sister Carol started the group in 1999 when they heard of the need for new water wells for children in Nicaragua. That was their first fund-raiser, and they have gone on to help many other organizations since then. One organization is **Barbara Feely O'Brien**'s home for unwed mothers in Massachusetts. • **Beth Good Wadden** sent a note on beautiful stationery with a picture of Barat House on the front. She is still teaching in Enfield, CT, as a reading consultant and is involved in her daughter's yoga school. **Ann Thomason Oatway** and Buddy have 20 (including children, spouses and grandchildren) in their family now. They spend time in Vero Beach and Vermont. **Pat O'Connor Mitchell** wrote that she is opening a charter school in Washington, DC, called Academy for Learning Through the Arts (ALTA). She'd love to hear from those in the DC, Virginia and Maryland area who could help on this project. Her e-mail address is [pocmitch@msn.com](mailto:pocmitch@msn.com). Sounds like a worthwhile cause. **Brigid Sullivan Sheehan** kept the news coming as she promised in her first e-mail. Brigid and Jerry spent an "intensive" 12 days in Russia last summer. She is a sales manager for the Coldwell Banker offices in Newton and Chestnut Hill but still manages to find time to enjoy their three grandsons. Brigid updated us on **Sheila Flaherty Comerford**, who lives in Kennebunkport, ME. Sheila has two granddaughters, with another on the way. **Joan Donohue O'Neil** lives in Rye Beach, NH, and is grandmother to five. Joan passed along the news that **Kathy Dwyer Lazcano** married Louis Clark, and they are living in West Hampton Beach, NY. Our very best wishes, Kathy. **Linda Gray MacKay** is a program administrator for international studies and administrator of fellowship programs at Boston College. **Babs Kager** is an economist for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Alo

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Coleman Riley and Bob spent a longer period of time in Cohasset last summer to greet their new granddaughter. When they returned to Florida, they found damage to their home. They counted their blessings though, as a new roof and pool enclosure were nothing compared with the devastation that others had suffered: "Homes completely destroyed were in heaps on the side of the road." • Wishing you all the best this summer.

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Jerry Greely and his wife, Mary Anne, recently sold their home in Gloucester and moved into a new home in Lake Worth, FL. He will continue his investments and decide on retirement at a later date. Jerry and son Jay ('85) were looking forward to watching BC baseball games during the week of March 7. • We received a note from Eugene Guerrera indicating that in January he was appointed to the Financial Planning Associates, Greater New Haven Executive Board of Directors. • Congratulations to Bob Pemberton on his recent marriage to Barbara Jorden. Congratulations also to Kevin Leary, who chaired the fund-raising dinner for Nativity Prep in January. Jack Connors ('63) was honored, and it was the largest, most successful fund-raising effort ever for the school. • Jim O'Connor, who is head of the Boston Chapter of the Order of Malta, was invested as Knight of Obedience for the Order at St. Patrick's Cathedral in November of last year. This honor is bestowed on very few in the Order of Malta and requires superior administrative support of the order, combined with personal spiritual growth. • We also received a note about the December 14, 2004, retirement celebration held for Laurel Eisenhauer, associate dean of graduate nursing programs at BC. Laurel has been involved in the BC nursing program since 1970. She was honored for her dedication and contribution by the BC faculty and staff and especially her '62 classmates. Katherine Barry Frame spearheaded the effort to invite all of her classmates to the event and was successful in reaching most of them. As a tribute to Laurel, her classmates presented her with an oil portrait to be hung in Cushing Hall, a wristwatch and a signature tray signed by her classmates. Laurel's classmates who either attended or contributed were Kay Barry Frame, Cindy Bosses Lambert, Johanna Brunalli Needham, Arlene Butler Snyder, Nancy Cartnick Fay, Maureen Corkery Abate, Margee Curley Anderson, Kathy Curtiss McCue, Pat Dalton, Rosemary Dervan Sullivan, Rosemary Donovan Finn, Carol Dorey Hurzeler, Jean-Marie Egan Cull, Pat Egan Manocchia, Charlotte Fennessey Fontaine, Kathy Fenton Ruggeri, Martha

Hajjar Lynch, Rosemary Hanley Pierce, Barbara Heidt Ryan, Maureen James-Ward, Charlotte Kimball Ryan, Lois Krodell Dembowski, Kate Liva Bott, Martha Marcelonis Distascio, Suzanne Marier Rogers, Janet McCarthy Spinelli, Eileen McCook Szymanski, Jane McNamara Gilmore, Nancy Mirabello MacMillan, Joan Mullahy Riley, Helen Murdock Rogers, June Neary Sarno, Grace Nicholson-Maly, Joanne O'Donnell, Jeanne O'Neill Morris, Sally Osborne Russell, Gloria Pratt Casieri, Sheila Kay Roos Russo, Joan Sattelmair Fantasia, Sue Schwaner Iannuccillo, Jane Sheehan, Elaine Sirois Doyle, Brenda Sullivan Miller, Rosemary Topjian Murray and Marita Walsh Kennedy. Following the reception at BC, Joan Mullahy Riley graciously hosted us at her home for the opportunity to continue our celebration.

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I recently hooked up with Bill Garvey, each of us dining with our wives at the Neighborhood Club in Quincy, where we are both members. He has been a CPA for well over 20 years with his own firm in Braintree and has lived in Weymouth for over 32 years with his wife, Kathleen ('65), a Weymouth schoolteacher. They have enjoyed their summers for many years at their York Beach, ME, second home. They met while at BC, and as my

late dad used to say in response to the inquiry as to how he met Mom, they "met in a revolving door, and have been going around together ever since." Bill and I did not know each other at BC, he being from Brooklyn and living in the dorms, and yours truly, a brown-bag commuter. But it's just amazing exchanging all of our common experiences and stories of mutual acquaintances while at BC. The hilarious tales of our student past obviously make the best conversation. It just seems to happen so often in meeting classmates. • Bumped into Tom Quirk at the Seton Hall basketball game at Conte Forum in late February. We discussed at length the wonderful success of this year's team, which was then ranked No. 3 in both national polls, the highest national ranking in the history of the BC basketball program. Coach Skinner and his players should command the highest of accolades. Next year promises to be as good, as only two seniors are on the current team. Do I hear the word "dynasty"? • Charlie Purdy died in May 2004 after a very long fight with cancer. He had retired after 30 years with the M & M Mars Company, and moved from New Jersey to South Yarmouth. He was affectionately known as the "Candy Man" and had risen to be national sales planning manager at M & M Mars. According to his wife, Mary Jane, he was an inspiration to all. His favorite expression was: "Don't look down, don't look back, don't give up." Besides his wife, he is survived by four children. • Other reports of deceased classmates: Tom Chimeri died in October 2004. Ronald Frank passed away in October 2003 and had been residing in East Islip, NY. Gerald F. "Jerry" Dolan passed on in

## FAN FEST 2005

Save the dates for the following Fall 2005 home football games, and plan on joining us two hours prior to kick-off at the RecPlex.

Saturday, September 10	vs. Army
Saturday, September 17	vs. Florida State*
Saturday, October 1	vs. Ball State
Saturday, October 8	vs. Virginia*
Saturday, October 15	vs. Wake Forest*
Saturday, November 12	vs. NC State*

\*Denotes ACC contest.

For more information on kick-off times, please visit [bceagles.collegesports.com](http://bceagles.collegesports.com)

December 2003, after a brief cancer-related illness. He was a retired associate chief of the medical staff at St. Louis VA Medical Center in Missouri. Jerry did his medical studies at St. Louis Medical School, followed by a pulmonary fellowship at the University of California at San Diego. His wife, Barbara, reports that he had very high standards in his approach to the practice of medicine and expected the same from his staff. Jerry is also survived by five daughters. Class condolences are extended to the families of our deceased classmates. • Please keep those cards, letters and e-mails coming in, if not about yourself, then about our classmates with whom you are in touch. Hope to hear from you!

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Carol Flynn e-mailed me with the sad news that **Margie Devine Clause** died on January 24, 2005, of breast cancer. She lived in Troy, MI. Through Carol I extended condolences to the family from Newton Class of '63. • **Susan Costigan Penswick** gets a second go-around. She wrote from England, where she's lived since 1967. She retired a few years ago from a career in strategic planning for a British pharmaceutical company. She has two daughters: Jenny lives in the north of England with her husband and two small sons; she's a cardiologist. Gilly lives in Brooklyn with her husband; they are both US Secret Service Agents. Susan now keeps busy in other roles. The main one is as director of *The Tablet*, a Catholic weekly international newspaper published in London. • Due to the efforts of **Kathy O'Brien Piper** I found **Carol Ann Capobianco Cogan**, who is teaching art in the West Hartford, CT, school system. She has returned to the sport of her youth: horseback riding. She has one son, Brett McGurk, and two stepdaughters. Brett, an attorney who lives in DC, recently returned from Baghdad, where he spent eight months working as a legal counsel for the Coalition Provisional Authority. •

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Boston Chapter Golf Tournament

Monday, June 27, 2005

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dinner following at 5:00 p.m.

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or calling 617-552-4700

**Margaret Burns Ferrari** (GA&S '68) now lives in West Newton with her husband. She received her master's from BC and her doctorate from Tufts. She had been teaching English literature at BC but was forced to stop in 1995 because she suffers from chronic fatigue syndrome and sleep apnea. If any of you have the opportunity to talk to her, I guarantee you a wonderful conversation. Our conversation lasted for almost two hours. • **Mary Jane Becherer Ferson**'s husband passed away about a year ago. She works in the human resources department at Battelle, an environmental consulting firm, as the health and safety officer. She and her husband have one son and three daughters. • **Dorothy Daly Vores** lives in Potomac, MD, with her husband. She has retired from teaching third grade. She sends her best to everyone. • **Susan McAuliffe Brown** lives in West Hartford, CT, with her husband. They have two sons, two daughters and two grandchildren. Susan loves to emerge from the suburban landscape and do the unusual. She appeared on *Jeopardy!*, and she and her daughter rented horses and rode the entire battlefield of Gettysburg. Susan's hobby is the Civil War, and according to her, your perspective changes considerably when you are four feet off the ground.

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This is probably the best news that I've received for a column since I started reporting. **Susan Madden**, who had been on kidney dialysis for almost a year, received a double kidney transplant on December 5! She got the call that night at 6:15 p.m. and was in the operating room at 9:00 p.m. Susan says that she had 30 minutes to decide whether or not to accept the kidneys. Here's Susan, in her own words: "What a blessing! I had been on dialysis for 11 months, three treatments a week. My consultant at Massachusetts General Hospital told me it usually takes up to four years to receive a kidney. I went on the list July 2004, so God blessed me with receiving the organs in five months, which is unheard of. If a perfect match becomes available, that person gets the kidney, and that is what happened to me. Some people on the list never get a kidney. Not only did I receive a transplant, but in a time frame that is unheard of." I saw Susan fleetingly at the reunion luncheon last spring, at which time she was running off to the doctor's. She had planned to attend the dinner that evening, but her health didn't permit it.

So, as I said to Susan when she wrote to me in January, "Happy New Year" takes on a whole new meaning! • And now for a little more postreunion patter. **Louise Majewski Dunleavy** sent me a delightful e-mail in this regard, and I wanted to share her comments with you: "Priscilla, what a fantastic time it was this past weekend! You should have stayed in the dorms... 'suites' of BC. The party never stopped. Wasn't it great recognizing and remembering... didn't think I could do it. It all came back... how much fun we had and how naive we were. The BC alumni staff couldn't have been nicer and more accommodating to all of us. They seemed so happy that we were enjoying ourselves so much. There was a good representation, I thought, looking very good for our age! Never a lull in the conversation." Well, Louise, I'm already looking forward to the next reunion, although I shudder at the age we'll be then. • An update from **Jacqueline Therrien Soltys** was forwarded to me, so I apologize for the delay in getting this into print. Jackie has retired from teaching after 37 years in the Burlington Public School system in Massachusetts and is now primarily involved with home health care for family and friends. Jackie's husband, Fred, is winding down his pool business after 40 years, and they plan to spend time in their condos in Florida and the Cape and turn over their Needham residence to their son, Eric. Eric is now the assistant hockey coach at the University of Maine. Jackie says that she and Fred are happy to have him back on the East Coast, after his years of traveling both for school and during his professional hockey days. Thanks for the update, Jackie.

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### REUNION YEAR

**Kathy McVarish Sullivan** continues to work at Highpoint Treatment Center's Outpatient Facility as a psychotherapist. Kathy also is seeing some private clients. Her son Ryan married Christina Rondano in July, and they live in Quincy. Son Sean and wife Aimee have purchased a home in Mansfield. Son Michael was married in November to Mackenzie Meegel in Newport Beach, CA, and they have bought a home in Laguna Hills, CA. Daughter Tricia and husband Mike have two daughters, Katelyn (4) and Hannah (2). The Sullivan family held the fourth annual **James M. Sullivan** Memorial Golf Tournament to continue the scholarship established for a student from Holbrook High School where Jim taught for many years. • **Mary Kingsbury Doller** has retired from teaching special education and has become director of religious education for her parish. Sons Jon, Chris and Matt are

doing well in their respective careers. Daughter Katie and husband Mike, and their daughter, Hayley, welcomed new baby Hunter in June 2002. Hunter was diagnosed with leukemia last summer but continues to receive excellent care at Children's Hospital, Boston. • Neal and I see many classmates at the Boston College basketball and hockey games. Attending basketball games are Debbie and John McCabe, Matt Soldano and Tony Covino and his wife. At hockey games we see Sarah Ann and Jim Mahoney, Nat Ladd and his wife, Jack and Judy Flanagan Connor, and John Griffin. Congratulations to Jim and Sarah Ann Mahoney, whose daughter Sarah and husband Dave welcomed son William Joseph in February. Dave is an emergency room physician at Framingham Hospital. • Doug LaBrecque and his siblings have established a fund to endow the Alice D. and Frederick C. LaBrecque Endowed Lectureship in Medical Ethics. Doug's dad was a 1931 graduate of Boston College and helped found the Alumni Association Council with Fr. Edmond D. Walsh ('39). He was a charter member of Fides and in 1979 was honored with the William V. McKenney Outstanding Alumnus Award. Any classmate interested in making a donation or pledge to this fund can contact Doug, Joanne M. Goggins (NC '75) at the BC Office of Development, or me. I look forward to seeing many of you at our 40th reunion the weekend of June 3-5, 2005.

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Joyce (Bryan) Suthard has been out of touch with classmates since 1982 when she moved from Lynchburg, VA, where she frequently got together with Libby Miller Fitzgerald. Recently, Joyce sold her cabinet factory in Norfolk, VA, and retired to Tampa to be closer to her son Bryan and her three grandchildren. Joyce loves Florida and is looking to connect with Newton women in the Tampa area. • BC alum Dan Larkin ('82) and I brought friends to witness the BC basketball team's record-setting win when they played Seton Hall in the Meadowlands in February. The team's 20-0 start was the best in Big East history. • Sue Bearden McNamara and husband Jack are building a winter home on Spring Island, near Beaufort, SC, where they will be neighbors of Caty Howell Long. Sue wrote to say that she has recovered from a difficult bout with hepatitis C; her urgent message to everyone is to be tested for this dangerous, contagious disease, as she carried the deadly virus for years, totally asymptomatic, and discovered it randomly, luckily before she suffered irreversible liver dam-

age. Sue also keeps in touch with Harriet Dower Stephenson, who lives in Siesta Key, Sarasota, FL. • Margaret Schmitt Schmidt contacted me, and it turns out that in our part of the woods you could call us neighbors. Margaret (who was known as Midge in the old days) lives in Asbury, NJ, and works in real estate. • As I write this, 15 inches of snow blankets the ground and more is expected, but as you read this our 40th reunion will already be in the books. Thank you to all who wrote to say they would be attending, and special thanks to those who convinced at least one other classmate to attend as well. If you weren't there, you were missed. Please be a part of our online continuing reunion by sending an update on what's important in your life. Be sure to put Newton news in the subject line so I don't throw you out with the spam. As always, enjoy each day.

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We regret to report the death of Kevin Sean Mahoney on March 1, 2005.

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We were sad to hear of the passing of Jim Regan's mother, Mary Morris Regan, who died February 13, 2005. Mrs. Regan was the mother-in-law of Grace Cotter Regan ('82), the executive director of the Boston College Alumni Association. She also was the wife of the late James Regan ('38) and sister of the late Alfred Morris, SJ. We also heard from Carroll Ferguson Celentano, who lost her mother to Alzheimer's. Carroll maintains her work with Johns Hopkins in Maryland. Classmate Norm Resha passed away at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of complications following a heart attack and bypass surgery. Norm was known for his radio show *Calling All Sports*, which aired on weekends. He loved the show and had great guests. The class offers its condolences to all those above and will remember their loved ones in its collective prayers. • Charles and Mary-Anne Benedict welcomed their first grandchild, Amelia Helene, on January 7, 2005. She is the daughter of their daughter Helene ('96) and Jim Mastin, who is working on his second master's degree from BC. Jim Hickey also has a new granddaughter. • The class dinner/hockey event in January was well attended. We had 45 for dinner and 72 for the BC vs. BU game, which BC

won under the leadership of Jerry York! • Dave Horgan writes from Atlanta, where he and wife Bonnie have been these last five years after living in Charlotte, NC. The Horgans also welcomed their first granddaughter, Emma Elizabeth, the daughter of their son Jason and his wife, Melissa. Congratulations! Dave and Bonnie spent New Year's Eve (their 33rd wedding anniversary) at dinner with Ed Rotchford and his wife, Pam. • Keep those cards and letters coming.

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The last column brought news of a classmate we hadn't heard from in a long time, and this time we have another: Diane Olson Kestner retired from Kodak in December 2004 after 31 years in research and development. She has since obtained a home e-mail address and is reaching out to broaden her contacts. She joins hubby Mel, who retired 11 months earlier, and is anticipating more tennis, craft and photo-organizing time. The previous February she received a second Scientific and Technical Achievement Award from the Motion Picture Academy, and got to walk across the stage for 45 seconds of fame and give her thank-you speech, just not on Oscar night. Diane and Mel plan more traveling, having especially enjoyed, over the years, tulip time in Holland, cruising between Moscow and St. Petersburg, and touring many famous sites in these cities. Other travels are family based, to Connecticut and Arizona where Diane's father lives, and more recent trips have been retirement searches for a warmer winter location than home in Rochester. Any advice from our other Florida snowbirds or "natives"? • Talking about Floridians, Marilyn Fu Harpster filled me in on how they survived Hurricane Charley. Marilyn was at home in Ohio at the time, but her husband, Joe, went down to prepare the house and boats for the storm and then watched debris fly by as the storm roared in. Family homes took

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a direct hit in Punta Gorda, but they were spared injuries and the total destruction that affected much of the area; reroofing was still continuing in December. • My holiday mail brought a short message from **Joan Cooper Curran**. All was well in the Atlanta area; they were anticipating the arrival of the younger duo for the holidays and to celebrate Joan's mother's 90th birthday. No news from anyone else, however. • I am surprised that I made the deadline for this column. The Frees started a sizable household renovation three days ago, so those of you who have experienced the same know how hectic one's life can be. I thank those who sent news and hope to hear from more of you soon. The class prayer net does still exist, just no requests of late. Please renew your interest there as well by getting back in touch with me. Meantime, hope you are having a good spring. Send a postcard if you travel this summer!

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Greetings, classmates. **Paul Kiley** has launched a new Website for his consulting business in the Los Angeles area. Check it out at [www.kileycommunications.com](http://www.kileycommunications.com). Aside from his communications consulting work, Paul is a former Vista volunteer and has been active with the Big Brother Program as well as protecting the rights of abused children. He holds a graduate degree in communications from Ohio University. • We learned from the daughter of **Richard MacLaughlin** of her father's passing in February 2005. We extend our condolences to the entire MacLaughlin family. • The Left Coast Eagles enjoyed attending the annual John R. Wooden Classic in Anaheim to cheer the BC basketball team to victory over UCLA. Several classmates enjoyed the rare opportunity of cheering for our beloved Eagles up-close and personal! • Mellow out in the warmth of summer, tune in Jimmy Buffett, enjoy the Sox and please drop a line and let us know your doings. Go Eagles!

## Join the Alumni Online Community

The Alumni Online Community is your connection to BC:

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Check the Alumni Association Website at [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni) for information on registering.

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"The Gates" exhibit in Central Park this past February was quite a New York happening. It provided a perfect excuse for a luncheon get-together with **Kathy Hogan Mullaney**, **Jane Sullivan Burke** and me. The 60th birthday reunion planning committee is officially under way! Kathy is spearheading the event and is open to all suggestions as to location, date and desired activities. Kathy has designated **Marcy McPhee Kenah** as the contact person. Her e-mail address is [m.kenah@comcast.net](mailto:m.kenah@comcast.net). Please let her know if you would like to be included and forward any suggestions you might have. We had 33 classmates attend the 50th in Santa Fe, and it was a blast! No matter how old we get, we always know how to have a good time. Speaking of good times, congratulations to **Jean Sullivan** on her recent marriage to Alton Kite. She and Alton met and live in Newport, RI. Keep me posted and start planning for a great get-together.

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Greetings again! Condolences are offered to **Polly Glynn Kerrigan** on the death of her father. Having recently lost my mother, I can sympathize with you, Polly. I also can sympathize with **Laurie Maclean O'Connor**, who once again answered one of my letters. After almost 40 years in Philadelphia, Laurie has moved back to Connecticut to help care for her 92-year-old father who is ill. Likewise, I am helping to care for my 97-year-old father. He's going for 100! Laurie returned not to Waterbury but to a small home on a PGA golf course in Cromwell that overlooks the Connecticut River. I can just picture it, Laurie. She continues to work in the medical field, doing consultations in nursing homes. She believes her background in internal medicine, addictions and psychiatry will help her in this new challenge. Laurie's daughter, Katie, is now in an MD-PhD program at UConn, another reason to

be in Connecticut! Her son, Christopher, recently started at the Fu School of Engineering at Columbia, where he will also be a lightweight rower for the school. Thank you, Laurie, for answering my inquiry not once, but twice now! I am indebted. • **Carol Romano Tuohey** and her husband, Vince, recently struck up a conversation over a college lacrosse jacket with some strangers in the Baltimore area. After chatting, they discovered they were talking to **Beth Cangemi Heller**'s brother and his family. Small world! Carol and Vince's world has gotten smaller, too, because their son, Vinnie, is on his way back to Fort Hood, TX, after serving in Iraq. His dangerous tour of guarding the "Road Irish" in and out of Baghdad is finally over. We welcome you home, Vinnie, and thank you for your work. While in Iraq, Vinnie was interviewed by CNN, NPR, ABC and *Harvard Magazine*, and his picture also graced the front page of the *Wall Street Journal* in an article about how Ivy League schools are trying to revive ROTC on their campuses. While at Harvard, Vinnie had to do his ROTC training at MIT because Harvard did not have an organization on its campus. Ironically, if you folded the front page of the newspaper, Vinnie won a spot above the fold while George W. Bush appeared below the fold! What does this mean? • While I was at Newton, I remember going skiing for my very first time. It was **Mimi Hoffman Marks** who invited this Ohio girl to go skiing. Those memories flashed back when Mimi answered my recent desperate letter! She reports that after 19 years of working for McCormick and Company (the spice company), she retired at Christmastime to begin a new career. Presently, she is an intern at a local high school in Baltimore, with the intent of becoming certified to teach English as a second language. She has the distinction of being the only intern there not even occasionally mistaken for a student! It's challenging but a welcome change. She is married to Ed, and they have two children, Adam and Angela, who live close by. Adam is married, and he and his wife have a lovely daughter, Sophia, Mimi and Ed's first grandchild. Any other grandparents or grand-aunts out there? I know **Debbie Donovan** likes to brag about her grandnieces and grand-nephews! Come on now, the rest of you, do some bragging, too. I'll be waiting to hear from you.

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## REUNION YEAR

Hi, gang. The past basketball season offered a chance to see any number of classmates as we all tried to cheer on one of the best teams ever at the Heights. I had a conversation with **John Bronzo** (LAW '74), who came up from his home



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Greetings again! Condolences are sent to **Polly Glynn Kerrigan** on the death of her father. Having recently lost my mother, I can sympathize with you, Polly. I also sympathize with **Laurie M. O'Connor**, who once again answered some of my letters. After almost 40 years in Philadelphia, Laurie has moved back to Connecticut to help care for her 92-year-old father who is ill. Likewise, I am helping to care for my 97-year-old father. He's going for 100! Laurie returned not to Waterbury but to a small home on a PGA golf course in Cromwell that overlooks the Connecticut River. I can just picture it, Laurie. She continues to work in the medical field, doing consultations in nursing homes. She believes her background in internal medicine, addictions and psychiatry will help her in this new challenge. Laurie's daughter, Katie, is now in an MD-PhD program at UConn, another reason to

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the rest of you, we sure are dragging, too. I will be waiting to hear from you.

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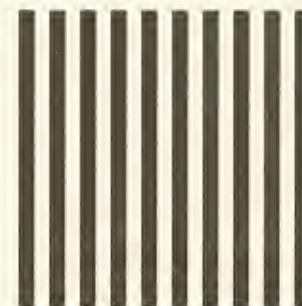
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in New York to catch a game and see his undergraduate son. John is working for Pfizer as general counsel of one of its divisions. After graduation from BC Law, he was with Cadwalader, Wickersham in the Big Apple, before going in-house with the pharmaceutical giant. • Mention of that law firm of course brings to mind **Mike Ryan**, who has been with Cadwalader since graduation from Harvard Law. • Another former president of the UGBC, **Joe Fitzpatrick**, is now a consultant in the energy industry. Joe and his wife, Mary Ellen, divide their time between a home in Tewksbury and an on-the-water home in Chatham on Cape Cod, where they are often visited by their two granddaughters. Joe has kept the BC tradition alive with son Matt, who was a member of the Class of '93, and daughter Erin, who graduated 10 years later in '03. • Another of our proud grandparents is **Steve Hanley**. He and Terri have three grown daughters but are most ready to talk about the smallest member of the family. Steve is now self-employed, developing, rehabbing and managing rental property. • I've had a chance to talk with **John Neylon**, who operates his own general practice law firm with offices in Boston right next to Suffolk Law School, where I've been taking some classes lately. John is also a CPA. • **Bob Flynn** also operates his own general practice, a firm focusing on personal injury litigation, with offices in his hometown of Wellesley. Bob and his wife, Mary, have one son currently in his junior year at the Heights, as well as one a few years out of college, another a freshman at BU and two still in high school. • It was honor overshadowed by sadness at the annual alumni awards ceremony last year when **Daniel Downey** posthumously received the Alumni Achievement Award for Science. A physicist with Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates for 28 years, Dan was the principal physicist involved in advanced process research. Even a description of his professional research is beyond the comprehension of most of us, and his awards and accomplishments in his field are

immense, including 18 patents granted or pending, over 140 articles and four conference proceedings. Dan passed away shortly before the ceremony and his award was accepted by his son. • On another sad note, we regret to report the death in February 2005 of **Pauline M. Gibbons**, MM, of the School of Nursing. She was a Maryknoll sister and certified nurse practitioner for many years. • See you at the big reunion in June and keep your cards and letters coming as I try to refill the mailbag.

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#### REUNION YEAR

I'll start with the surprises. Best wishes are in order for **Sheila Walker**! A self-described "confirmed bachelorette," Sheila recently became engaged to Mike Young, observing, "Guess it's never too late!" Retired after 35 years as a federal human resources specialist, Sheila stays busy volunteering at an elementary school, gardening and decorating her new townhouse in Alexandria, VA. She keeps in touch with **Barbara Coveney Harkins** and **Carol Delisi Muratore** and can be reached at pugsley333@yahoo.com. • Another surprise was discovering that my daughter's close friend is the daughter of **Kerry Kilcullen Carter**. It is a small world, indeed! Kerry lives in Alexandria, VA. After graduation, she became a lawyer, "married the boy next door" (an attorney named Tom), had two daughters – Karen, now a University of Virginia junior, and Katie, who enters Vanderbilt this fall – and retired from law to concentrate on parenting and volunteering. She looks forward to a "new phase" when her youngest enters college. • Last year, my New Year's resolution was to track down **Elaine Burch Taylor**. In December (how's that for procrastination?) I located her, living not far from me in Rockville, MD. She loves her job as a software engineer at the National Institutes of Health, where her husband, Fred, also works as a program director. Spending workdays "on the tech side" keeps Elaine away from painting, but in anticipation of resuming her artwork upon retirement, she regularly pores over art supply catalogs. Since Fred's 87-year-old mother lives with them and Elaine's two sisters reside in the area, she delights in having her family nearby. • Several alums thank **Cathleen Flaherty-Vella** ("Mare Flare"). Writing from Paris, she urged us to donate frequent-flyer miles to nongovernmental organizations involved in tsunami relief efforts. As **Harriet Mullaney** noted, "*Une bonne idée!*" Speaking of Harriet, having observed El Salvador's election, she monitored our election this fall in Denver: "The circum-

stances were different, but the necessity of the work was unfortunately the same. The striking difference was that it was 90-something degrees and humid in Metapan and close to zero in Denver!" Her other travels "kept me closer to home and exploring Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. I miss large bodies of water but do love the mountains and am beginning to appreciate desert terrains. As the saying goes, "Tis a privilege to live in the Rocky Mountain West!" • **Meg Finn** enjoys being a realtor in Takoma Park, MD. Her son Dan completed two years in Ghana with the Peace Corps and re-upped for another one-year stint. Her husband, David, overcame a rough spell health-wise; he is well now and working for the Library of Congress. Please pray for his continued good health. • Prayers are sought for **Terry Kindelan Taylor**'s husband, Rick, who passed away in January 2005. A facilities manager, he was active with the New England Handicapped Sports Association and was an ardent advocate for organ donations, having benefited from a successful kidney transplant.

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Checking in with news from the "Heartland of America" is **James C. Crowley IV**, senior partner of Crowley Frank & Ahlers in Cincinnati. Jim reports that son Brendan is in his fifth year of a doctoral program in organic chemistry at the Scripps Institute in La Jolla, CA. The people, beaches and weather of the San Diego area have bumped Boston as Jim's favorite US city. Through Jim's other son, a University of Iowa film and contemporary literature major, Jim has earned a new title. Dad was the executive producer and key grip on his son's latest film shoot in Cincinnati. We will be watching for future Oscars! • In other employment news, we learned that **Brian P. Curry** was hired as an account manager at the J. Barry Driscoll Insurance Agency, Inc., of Norwell. • I bumped into **Christopher L. Gorgone** and learned of his new position with Moldflow of Wayland, a rapidly growing software manufacturer. Chris reports that he and Marcia are following with interest the careers of daughter Janet with *Forbes* and son Christopher in commercial real estate, as well as Andrew's progress at Wellesley High School. Chris was the first classmate I told of my decision to resign as class correspondent. I have enjoyed serving the class but now it is time to share the joy and allow one of you to step forward. Interested parties may contact Anne Merrill, Associate Director, Communications, at 617-552-4569 or [classnotes@bc.edu](mailto:classnotes@bc.edu). Remember, ever to excel.

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It's not too soon to start getting ready for the next reunion, which will be headed our way in '06. I can't wait to see what we are all up to! Looking forward to hearing from you.

**72**

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What a season it was for BC sports fans, between the 20-game winning streak in basketball and the number one ranking for a time in hockey. I suspect that the Athletic Department's feat of ranking first in one sport and third in the other in the same month, while holding the longest bowl winning streak in college football, is unprecedented. I've enjoyed all of this even more than most, because it's a reminder of one of my favorite memories of BC: the 19-game basketball winning streak during our freshman year. • I've gotten some other reminders of student days lately as well: **Terry Budny**, the manager of the basketball team, wrote to remind me that he was a regular at the McElroy dining table that I mentioned in the last column. He's an attorney in Chicago and the father of two grown sons. He hears from several fellow barristers: **Matt Botica**, a Harvard Law grad and bankruptcy specialist who has at least one of his kids at BC; **Bob Maganuco**, a partner at the firm of Sidley and Austin; **Bob Zapf**, who relocated from New York to California a few years ago; and **Rich Ahrens**, who practices in St. Louis. • The list of BC's football recruits included the name of one of **Lou Silva**'s players. Lou, a three-year starting linebacker at the Heights, coaches at Marshfield High. • The 2005 BC football schedule, the highlight of which is a home game against Florida State and its legendary coach Bobby Bowden, reminded me of the trip **Mike Spatola** and I took to West Virginia to see the Eagles play

another team he coached. Mike has recently become the development director at BC Law School after years as a standout fund-raiser for BC. He reports that **Gene McLaughlin**, who's in his 26th year as assistant town attorney of Greenwich, CT, has seen his son transfer from a college in Virginia to UConn. Also, Mike reports that Daniel Ward, son of **Henry and Suzanne Ward**, is on the Law Review at BC Law. • I had a nice letter from **Gerri Dolan** of Delray Beach, FL, describing the friendship she and six of her School of Nursing classmates have maintained. The others are **Pat Dahme**, **Cindy Hernandez Gordon**, **Diane Lischio**, **Judy Rouse Marquet**, **Maureen McCausland** and **Pat Ryan**. They meet every year or two at various places around the country. All are nurses with master's degrees (Maureen also has a PhD), and they have 16 kids between them. • I also learned that **Arthur Makar** was recently appointed executive director of the Caring Community, a New York City organization serving older adults in Greenwich Village and SoHo. He recently finished a two-year term as treasurer/secretary of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Foundation, the national philanthropic arm of the fund-raising community.

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19, the feast of St. Boleslaw. • **Meg Barres Alonso** and Mario are enjoying their 55-plus community. Mike is now a sophomore at Princeton, majoring in international relations. He did a summer internship working with Mexican migrant workers in New Jersey. Last fall, he went to Mexico with Habitat for Humanity. As a member of the Chapel Choir, Mike will be appearing at Carnegie Hall. Matt continues to enjoy his work designing weather forecasting models with a firm in Troy, NY. In January he began graduate school. Mario continues his psychology practice, while Meg works with the county health department.

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How is everyone? We received a couple of nice e-mails. The first was from classmate **Dick Lown**, who is a senior vice president and branch manager at UBS Financial Services in Portland, ME. Here is what Dick wrote to us: "Alive and well and living in Falmouth, ME, with my wife, Moira, and three-year-old daughter, Tabitha. Have been with PaineWebber, now UBS Financial Services, for 14 years, the last four here in Maine managing four branches for them. I managed the Wellesley branch and lived in Newton before Maine. Still great friends with **Joe Kendrick**, a Maine native, who is in San Francisco with Smith Barney. Joe visited us last June. My oldest daughter, Anna, is a sophomore at Sarah Lawrence College. One of my brokers is **Bob Cotter**'s stepbrother and I got to meet his dad recently. Small world! Had dinner with **Mike Ventura** ('74) in June. Mike's daughter Marissa and son Mike are both students at BC." Thanks, Dick, for sending us your news. I know the class appreciates hearing from you! • Also heard from classmate **Gary Gibson**, who wrote the following: "Two of my daughters were serving in the Peace Corps this year. Mary recently completed two years in the Dominican Republic, where she served as a reforestation advisor, overseeing the planting of 41,000 trees. Grace is now serving in Mali, West Africa, where she is organizing a project to rebuild five wells in the village of Niasso. Her tour of duty will end in May 2006. As I write, Mary is visiting Grace in Africa (returning the favor when Grace visited Mary at her volunteer site 18 months ago). My youngest, Christina, has caught the 'volunteer bug' from her sisters and is planning to join the Peace Corps as soon as she finishes college in six years." Thanks, Gary, for the update and for taking the time to write to your classmates. Sounds like the Gibson women are doing some amazing things! • Please try to e-mail news for the next column. Your classmates look forward to hearing from you. Have a good one!

## 2005 Alumni Achievement Awards Ceremony

Save the Date:  
**Thursday, September 29, 2005**  
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**All are invited to join us as we honor the accomplishments of 10 distinguished alumni.**

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Congratulations to **Ann Madigan**, who married Gene McGurl on October 3, 2004. Gene has a small specialty chemical business in Maine. They met at the mailbox near their condos. Ann and Gene have sold their condos and bought a house in Scarborough, ME. Best wishes from the Newton Class of 1973. Please remember to send news to me at [nmdnew73@bc.edu](mailto:nmdnew73@bc.edu). What is new? What is old? What are you thinking?

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I hope this column finds you and your family happy and healthy. As I write, we still have over a foot of snow in Foxborough, and the warm weather is a long way off! • Congratulations to **Andrew Sullivan**, who was one of only eight probate and family court probation officers from across Massachusetts to be honored by the Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers at its annual event in January. Andy has served as a probation officer at Norfolk Probate and Family Court in Dedham for 27 years. • Jim and I escaped the snow over New Year's to attend the Continental Tire Bowl in Charlotte. We had a wonderful time; the Eagles were victorious, and although we found ourselves overwhelmed in a sea of blue jerseys, the North Carolina fans were very gracious. The Class of '74 was well represented by **Tom Mahoney**, **Bill McCarthy**, **Mary Cura**, **Jane McSoley** and **Charlie Neeler**. The Alumni Association and Athletic Department did a great job planning a memorable trip. Bring on the ACC!!! That's all I have for now. Please write or e-mail soon.

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### REUNION YEAR

Hello, everyone! The Reunion Committee hopes to see as many of you as possible for our 30th year gala on Saturday, June 4, to be held in Shea Function Room, Conte Forum, from 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. The committee – **Kathie Cantwell McCarthy**, **Jayne Saperstein Mehne**, **Kathy Bannan**, **Doug Nucatola** and yours truly – has put the finishing touches on what is sure to be a grand evening of seeing old friends and rekindling fond memories. If you have

not already sent your \$25 class dues, please send it to our treasurer, Doug Nucatola, at 339 Grove St., Wellesley, MA 02482. • The Champions cocktail gathering on April 1 and the Arts Festival evening on April 30 were a wonderful beginning leading up to June 4. • It was great to hear from **Marianne Ruskay Glassanos**, who continues to work as a pediatric nurse practitioner on the South Shore. Her oldest daughter, Cara, graduated from Tufts University where she captained the women's soccer team. Her youngest daughter, Laura (who was recruited to play lacrosse at BC), is a junior at Northwestern University, where she plays on the women's lacrosse team, which is currently ranked No. 3 in the country. Marianne has connected several times this year with **Judy Shindul Rothschild**, who is currently a professor at BC in the School of Nursing. Judy's oldest daughter, Rachel, is a freshman at Princeton, and her youngest, Amanda, is a sophomore at Milton Academy, where she is the starting goalie on the women's ice hockey team. Marianne would love to hear from School of Nursing grads in the Boston area to plan a get-together. Her e-mail is [mglass44@comcast.net](mailto:mglass44@comcast.net). • We regret to report the sad news of the death of **Joseph O'Connell** in Anchorage, AK. Joe moved to Alaska in 1981 to work as an attorney for Alaska Legal Services. He met his wife, Karla Huntington, later that year, and the couple were married in 1983. Joe worked in the Alaska court system for many years before joining his wife as a partner in her private practice in 1997. Joe is survived by his wife and two children, Connor and Jordan. • I hope you can all look forward to a fabulous summer. Hope to see you at the reunion!

## '75 NEWTON

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### REUNION YEAR

## '76

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Andy Hernandez, assistant dean of students at Stanford, was happy to attend the BC-Cardinal women's b-ball game in January. Although won by the latter team, he enjoyed the Eagles' spirited second-half comeback. His two-year-old son, Julian, is keeping him in shape, and they love playing catch. Like so many others, he wishes he could lock in today's tuition rates, as both schools now cost about \$43,000 per year, including fees and room and board. Andy wants to bring Julian to the Heights for a future Cardinal-BC athletic tilt. His efforts to "send warmer weather East," though appreciated, were a failure, as Chestnut

Hill endured a very harsh winter. • Old Welsh Hall pal **Brian McGeady** lives in Fairfield, CT. His twin girls will enter college in the fall, making it three kids at the same time! (See tuition note above.) He attended all the BC football games and traveled to South Bend for the Eagles' victory last fall. Thanks for the good advice and kind words, Bri. • Thanks to the classmates who took the time to send get-well missives to Fr. Frank Murphy, formerly of the history department! • An enterprising graduate of the Class of 2003 wrote asking if there are any '76ers who would be equipped to advise him about a career in advertising as a broadcast producer. If so, contact yours truly for contact information. • **Tom Regan**, SJ, was the first to advise that **Ned Stanton** and wife Sheila welcomed twin daughters in February 2004. (Gee, Ned, what will it take for you to write?) Further confirmation came from **Chris and Steve McManama**, whose daughter Colleen will graduate from BC in May 2005. In January the McManamas attended a BU-BC hockey game and met up with the proud Stantons, parents of Erica and Tatiana. (See tuition note above.) Also at the get-together were **Jeff Quinn** and his 13-year-old son, Conor. Mom Sheila and seven-year-old Shailyn relaxed at home. • Received word that **Michael Fiorile** was promoted to president of the Dispatch Printing Company in Columbus, OH, where he will continue to oversee all broadcast operations and sales functions. Also learned that **Francis J. Russell** of Shrewsbury was appointed to the Board of Bar Overseers of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Francis is a partner in the Worcester law firm of Mountain, Dearborn & Whiting. Congratulations to both. • **Lisa McAree** is a founding member of the Council for Women at Boston College. • Rather heady times at the Heights for Eagle athletics, what with the men's and women's b-ball teams enjoying fine years, and the hockey team as well. For the first time in history, the men's b-ball and hockey teams were simultaneously ranked in the top five in the country! • Again, any classmates who'd like to assist in planning the 2006

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class reunion can contact me at the address above. Enjoy a healthy and happy spring and summer. God bless!

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Eric J. Marcy, a partner with the Woodbridge-based law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, PA, has been appointed by Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital to its board of trustees. Eric was also elected vice chairperson of the new board. Prior to joining Wilentz, Eric served the State of New Jersey as a deputy attorney general in the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice. He received his JD from Seton Hall University School of Law. • **Jean Cantwell-Doherty** wrote to inform us that the rumor of her death "is just as exaggerated as was the remark that Mark Twain made famous. I would like everyone to know that I am alive and well and living in Belmont with my daughters, Melissa and Ellen, and my dad, Bill Cantwell. I teach third grade at the Jackson School in Newton and work in floral design – just for fun. Sadly, my mother passed away in October 2004. Her death was sudden and unexpected. To all those who knew her she was still the vibrant, enthusiastic and generous person they knew. And her first words to any visitor were still... 'Can I get you something to eat?' Many thanks for the flowers and phone calls to my family. It was wonderful to talk to old friends who figured out the error. I will definitely be at the next reunion... and I won't be the one wearing black." *Editor's note: We sincerely regret the error.*

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Hi! I'm writing this column during yet another snowstorm, but all should be melted by the time you read this! **Deb (Foss) Cox** sent her annual Christmas card and update. She now works as the warehouse manager for NexPress Solutions, a Kodak subsidiary, because Heidelberg sold its interest in printer engineering and manufacturing to Kodak. Her husband, Steve, continues to work as an engineer at Kodak; daughter Kristin is at Monroe Community College, majoring in biology, and hopes to be a veterinarian; and son Steven is in the sixth grade with an A average and plays the alto and tenor sax. • **Ross Eisenman** has been living in Washington, DC, for the past 25 years. He received a master's degree in public

administration from American University in 1981 and then went to work for the federal courts. In 1999, he was promoted to assistant director for facilities and security, where he oversees policies related to the construction of federal courthouses (like the new one in Boston) as well as security matters. He serves as a liaison between the federal courts and the departments of Justice and Homeland Security. In December 2004, Ross was presented with the Director's Award for Distinguished Service by a director of the US courts. He thanked many people at BC for everything that he has accomplished at the federal courts, saying that a lot of the skills he learned there formed the basis for how he works with people today. • **John Downer** assumed the position of director of staffing at Viacom International, in New York City, where he is responsible for all corporate hiring. Viacom is one of the largest media companies in the world and counts MTV and CBS among its many divisions.

'80

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#### REUNION YEAR

By the time you read this our 25th (ouch!) reunion will be upon us. I don't even want to think of what the Class of 1955 looked like to us in 1980. I am sure they looked as great and as well preserved as we look to the Class of 2005. I suspect the next issue will make for more interesting reading. Warning to all class members: I will be looking for you. • **Kevin Grimm** emailed me with an entry for our Notes as part of a New Year's resolution. He wrote of a gathering on November 20, 2004, in Philadelphia for the BC-Temple game. Attendees from Boston, Washington, New York, Detroit and the greater Philly area convened to spend the day in unusually mild weather for late November. The event found everyone well, prosperous and in good spirits. The game was followed up by a communal dinner in downtown Philadelphia. It was a great way to kick off the holiday season. Special recognition goes to **Steve Shay** for staying awake past 10 p.m. In attendance were **Mike and Tee Devine, Bill Cain, Dick Jennings, Bill Managan, Chris Simmons, Mark Young, Tom and Mary Grace Elliott, Mike Gallagher, Tom Merck, Paul Lahiff, John McCrudden, Bob Petit, Donny Greer and Michelle Gallagher ('81).** • That is all for now. See you in June.

'81

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Fortunately, the only tsunami story I received from our classmates was a miraculous one from my very own Mod-mate,

**Patty Dunne Keneally.** Patty, husband Gerry ('80) and daughter Meghan spent Christmas in the Maldives, a beautiful string of tiny islands south of India and Sri Lanka. Patty described how Gerry and Meghan went out scuba diving with an instructor. Meanwhile, Patty, sunbathing on the beach, observed major high tides followed by an even more bizarre emptying of the ocean. Gerry and Meghan were swept to the other side of the island in a matter of moments but were able to come ashore easily. Somehow their tiny island escaped being damaged, while around them they were surrounded by total devastation. Needless to say, Patty and her family are most grateful to their "terrific guardian angels!" • One of my other Mod-mates, **Mary Ryan Kusiak**, lives in Longmeadow with her husband, Tony, and their four children. Tony is a physician with the MVA Center. Mary is working part-time at the law firm of Fennell, Liquori & Powers and keeping busy with the kids' activities, especially soccer, snowboarding and lacrosse. Mary reports that the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the BC Alumni Association is growing and has added some great activities for alumni, so if you're in the area, think about getting involved! • **Chris Duggan** is still trying cases and is developing an international litigation and cross-border transactional practice. His firm focuses on companies in the emerging technology sector. He is a member of the International Business Law Consortium and Center for International Legal Studies, which takes him to Europe once or twice a year. His firm, which is based in Boston and just celebrated its 15th anniversary, has grown to 20 lawyers and recently opened its second office in Lincoln. Chris and his wife have three children. Robert is a junior at Acton-Boxborough High School and had a lead role in the spring musical. He made all-state choir, which performs at Symphony Hall in Boston. Amanda, a freshman, is also involved with the chorus and attended Johns Hopkins last summer as part of the Center for Talented Youth program. Julia is a fifth-grader and, like her siblings, loves to act and sing. She is

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also an avid soccer player. Chris felt certain that **Tom Clayton, John Hastings and Mike Deneen**, among others, would be following the Eagles to the Big East tournament at the Garden as they do every year! • **Lisa Correse and Donna Morris** are founding members of the Council for Women at Boston College. • My in-box wasn't exactly overflowing again this quarter! Please take a few minutes to send me an e-mail. I'd love to hear from you!

**'82**

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Congratulations to **Bruce Pearl** on leading his University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers to the NCAA Tournament again this year. Bruce was named Horizon League Coach of the Year for the third time in his four years in Milwaukee, and [CollegeInsider.com](http://CollegeInsider.com) named him one of 10 finalists for its National Coach of the Year honor. That's a long way from selling student tickets for Tom Davis in the late '70s! • Speaking of my former roomies, **Charlie Busa** sent me a great story about **Julianne Idlet**. Julia is the founder of CYCLE Kids, a nonprofit afterschool program that educates children on the benefits of exercise and good eating habits. She's also an assistant cycling coach at Harvard. • **Rochelle O'Gorman** reported on a mini-St. Gabe's reunion trip to Newport, with **Mary (Zaylor) Storrs, Sheila Buckley McDonough, Carol (Sabik) Moeckel, Joanne (Guinan) Seavy, Maureen McKone, Maureen (Murphy) Armacost, Patricia Cusumano and Jane Sulick**. **Mary Beth Macedo**, your ears must have been burning that weekend. Write in to let everyone know what you've been up to. Rochelle is the publisher/editor-in-chief of [Audiobookcafe.com](http://Audiobookcafe.com). She has been an entertainment critic for 20 years. Check out her Website. • Here's an offer someone surely can't refuse: **Christopher Meriam** and his wife, **Patty (Leahy '83)**, found an 8 x 10 glossy of the Rods and Cones rock group, which featured mostly '82 and '83 guys like **Jim Duffy**. Anyone

interested in the photo can e-mail Patty at [agelessp@charter.net](mailto:agelessp@charter.net). • I'm always looking for more news from the Class of '82, so send some updates my way.

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Happy spring, after a long, snowy winter, especially here in the Northeast! Let's hope no news is good news, because no news is pretty much what I've received lately, except for the following: **Patricia Leahy** and husband **Christopher Meriam ('82)** found an 8 x 10 glossy of the Rods and Cones (a group of BC guys who tried to make it in the world of rock and roll). The earlier name of this group was Idiot Savant. If anyone wants this photo, please contact Patty at [agelessp@charter.net](mailto:agelessp@charter.net). We need your news, so please send your update to [cindybocko@hotmail.com](mailto:cindybocko@hotmail.com) today! Just do it!

**'84**

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Greetings to all! I'm glad spring and the warmer weather are here again. We had our share of winter at the Jersey Shore during January and February. Here's the news I received. • Despite being seven months pregnant at our 20th reunion dinner, **Nina Murphy** writes that she was having such a great time she didn't even get a chance to eat dinner, which says a lot for a pregnant woman! In September, Nina and her husband, **Bart Ferris**, welcomed a baby girl, **Reyn Francis**, who joins four-year-old brother **Ryder Thomas**. In 2001, Nina and Bart relocated back to the East Coast after spending time in Honolulu and St. Louis. They settled in Bristol, RI, home of the country's oldest Fourth of July parade, which passes by their front door. Bart works for what was formerly Netegrity, now Computer Associates, in Waltham. When not overseeing renovations to their 1878 Victorian home, Nina continues to write personal experience pieces. Her articles have been published in the *Honolulu Advertiser* and the *Cape Cod Times*. She also handles special events and books school visits for her brother, **Ted Murphy ('93)**, author of the *Belltown Mystery Series*, a young adult series for fourth- to eighth-grade readers. Nina's dad, **James F. Murphy ('58)**, continues to teach at Boston College in the Woods College of Advancing Studies and always enjoys hearing from former students. • **Suzanne Troy Cole** is a founding member of the Council for Women at Boston College. • **Stephanie Chisholm** and husband **Joseph Philbin** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, **Grace**, on December 20, 2004. The baby

joins brothers **James, Sean, Michael and Thomas** and sisters **Marie, Genevieve, Clair and Julieanne**. Grandfather **Joseph G. Chisholm ('52)** joined in the excitement. Stephanie writes that she attended the reunion and enjoyed it!

**'85**

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## REUNION YEAR

Reunion time, 20 years. It is hard to imagine that it has really been that long since we graduated from Boston College. In this reunion year, **Lynn (Desautels) Gallandt** is also marking 20 years living in Southern California. Since arriving in California she has worked as a teacher in the Long Beach and Lennox school districts in many capacities: special education, resource specialist and a bilingual teacher for kindergarten through second grade. She is currently teaching ESL to adults part-time. She and her husband, **Bob**, an instrumental music teacher, have three children – **Madeleine (13), Alex (9) and Danielle (5)** – who attend the Spanish immersion program at their local school. Lynn enjoys biking along the San Gabriel River and volunteering at her children's school. This past summer she was able to meet up with fellow classmate **Andrea (Stegerwald) Sansonetti** for a reunion of their families in Maine. • **Bob Clerico** is currently living in Boston and working at PFPC Global Fund Services as a lead analyst; he also works part-time at Boston's Colonial and Wilbur theaters. Bob is the treasurer of his local neighborhood association and has done some work as a performing artist. For his 40th birthday, Bob spent a week in Paris and a week in London, having his birthday dinner celebration at the Eiffel Tower. And to celebrate turning "40 one-derful," he spent two weeks traveling throughout Italy; it sounds to me like Bob knows how to celebrate! • **Andrew J. Maloney III** was named partner at Kreindler & Kreindler LLP in New York. He specializes in aviation litigation and general products liability. Congratulations! • Please send me your news; it helps to make the column more fun for everyone to read!

**'86**

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Thanks so much to **Debbie Cattley Macaulay**, who sent me some wonderful pictures from a 40th birthday celebration that she had with BC friends! After Debbie married **Andy Macaulay**, they moved to Nigeria for 13 years. They have been living in South Africa for the past six years, where Andy works in the mining and petroleum business. Debbie and

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Andy have two children, Ashley (14) and Andrew (12). Debbie gets back to Massachusetts during the summer and was able to celebrate some birthdays with old BC friends **Elissa Raring O'Hara**, **Cindy Voloshin Barry** and **Carolyn Boldry Weiby**. Elissa is married to **Chris O'Hara**, who practices law in Boston. They have three children and recently moved to Winchester. Cindy lives in Norwell with her husband, Chris, and their two children. Carolyn lives in Minnesota with her husband, Steve, and their two daughters. Thanks again for the update! • Maria Centeio Kerrigan ('87) wrote in from Foxboro to say that she has the pleasure of seeing her BC family and friends often, including brother Jose Centeio (LAW '88), niece Joanne Dasilva ('99), **Bernadette Thie**, **Joy Gentry**, **Melody Aguda ('87)**, **Cecelia Porche** and **Kevin Gates ('85)**. She is employed with Jose's real estate company, Bellavista, and looks forward to hearing from former BC friends. She can be reached at mck@bellavistare.com. • A 2003 BC grad contacted me about speaking with members of the Class of '86 in the advertising arena, specifically those who are broadcast producers. If you think you could help this young alum, please contact me for his address. • Please send news!

**'87**

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Hi! I hope you're all well and looking forward to the summer. I'm writing this at the end of February, after another snow-storm here in the Northeast, dreaming of warmer weather. I am very fortunate to work in the same industry as **Kevin Barry**, which has been a lot of fun. He very kindly sent in the following updates. He and his wife, **Jennifer (Fitzpatrick)**, live in Westborough with their three children, Griffin (7), Skyler (5) and Jackson (3). In between child rearing and traveling, Jen finally completed her professional student career and earned her master's in public health from Boston University in 2003. After an eight-year stint with Legal Sea Foods in Boston and Washington, DC, Kevin has worked the last six years for Avon-based Ruby Wines as a division sales manager for the South Shore and MetroWest Boston. Wine travels have brought him to California and Oregon as well as to Italy and South Africa – not a bad gig for pushing fermented grape juice! They keep in touch with most of the roomies living out in MetroWest Boston. **Jim Coffey** and his wife, Lisa, also live in Westborough with their son, James (5), and their newborn daughter, Emily. Jim is director of sales for K-Micro America and coaches basketball at Westborough High School. Also residing in Westborough are **Martha (McNamara) Collins** and her three

girls – Megan (12), Erin (10) and Brenna (7) – as well as **Peter Caspariello**, wife Lisa and their four children – Ricky (10), Anthony (7), Dominick (5) and Isabella (1). **Michelle (Guzowski) Litavis** and her husband, Rick, are nearby in Hopkinton with daughter Annica (12) and son Ricky (7). Michelle keeps busy with her business, ATL Art Associates, specializing in interior design solutions and art consultation. They also keep in touch with North Shore roomies **Sheila Watts** in Maynard and **Maria (Montuori) Pacific** and her husband, Bryan, and their two children, Sophia and Bryan, in Winchester. **Joanne (Spadocia) Fagan** and her husband, Scott, live in Stoneham with their two children, Brad and Jeff. **Tara (Bergen) Heimbigner** and husband Jeff live in San Jose, CA, with their three children, Jake (7), Julia (5) and Kelly (3). They get a chance to see old roommates with trips back to the "Island" and Massachusetts. **Kathleen (Delaney) Gosse**, husband Tom and their two children, Thomas and Annie, are settled in Haddonfield, NJ. Kevin and Jen recently ran into **Bill "Whizzer" White** and his wife, Jennifer, at the Anthony Spinazzola Food & Wine Gala. They moved back from the DC area and are currently living in Milton with their two children. Bill is the forum director at the Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Thanks again, Kevin, for the news! • I also heard from **John Lynch**, who e-mailed that he and his wife, Julia, have a three-year-old son, Billy, as well as a new son, Joseph Michael, who was born in January. They're living in Chicago. John graduated from Loyola Law School in 1994 and practices labor and employment law with Connelly Sheehan Harris in Chicago, representing employers in all aspects of labor and employment law. Prior to that, he spent two years as a legal recruiter in Chicago. He'd welcome hearing from classmates and other alums at lynchj@yahoo.com. • Congratulations to **Kathryn O'Sullivan**, a professor of drama at Northern Virginia Community College in Manassas, for being awarded second place in the Kennedy Center's Festival of One Act Plays (2004) for her play *Pita & Cabbage*. • That's all the news for now. Please shoot me an e-mail with your news if you haven't done so in a while. We all love to hear what you've been up to!

**'88**

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Start spreadin' the news! Dan Walsh has been transferred from beloved San Francisco to New York, where he will be a vice president and senior account executive for Fidelity's new Upper West Side office (sounds like a "de-luxe apartment in the sky"). He had a great "going away/good riddance" party attended by myself and long-distance travel award-

winner **Carol Palmer** (Charlestown). Dan says he'd love to hear from any BC alums in the area (71st & Broadway). Those with million-dollar portfolios get to the head of the line. • **Christine (McGinniss) Marque** also wrote to update us on her gang. Last July, **Beth (McCann) Burnett** and husband Robin welcomed a bunch of '88ers to their home in Tiverton, RI. Attending were **Kristy (Kelly) Adams**, **Bridget Leahy**, **Ian and Lise (Parenteau) McKinnon**, **Maureen Hennigan**, and **Christine**. Apologies to the Tiverton police department for the screams let out when they went over the hairstyles in the 1988 *Sub Turri*. • Sorry to say I must end on a serious note. The volume of calls and letters with updates has gotten overwhelming (two in the last three months alone!). I'm afraid without additional help, you'll all be reading increasingly random musings on life and the successes of BC sports teams. Speaking of which, many analysts have been searching for the keys to the success of the men's basketball team. What they are clearly overlooking is the innovative sock-folding technique instituted by **Tim Hartnett** and me as team managers on a road trip to Villanova in 1987. Go Eagles!

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**'89**

Greetings, classmates! It was great hearing from so many of you over the past few months; I was happy to include so many updates last quarter. Please do continue to send along any updates on yourself and any former classmates or roommates. I am learning some things about writing the column as well, and just so everyone knows going forward, the deadlines for my next submission of Class Notes generally tend to fall just around the date you receive the magazine from the previous quarter, so please do try and send me your updates as soon as you read our class column. Finally, I thought it would be nice to share the e-mail addresses of those who send me updates, so that others who read the column can get in touch with them. I am only including that information in the

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submissions below for those who requested that it be shared, so please let me know when you submit your news whether or not you'd like to share your contact e-mail with the class. • So here is what is new this quarter: **Gina Signorello** and her husband, Chuck Katz, welcomed their son, Mathew, on May 18, 2004. Gina is senior counsel for Hewlett-Packard Company, and Chuck is intellectual property counsel for Thermo Electron Corporation. The happy family lives in Palo Alto, CA. • **Ken Grohe** is currently a divisional partner manager at EMC (where he has been since April 1, 1988) and continues to love it. He lives in "beautiful but quiet" Aurora, OK. He has been married to Annie since September 5, 1992, and both remain quite busy with their four kids. • After three years as a partner at one of New Hampshire's largest law firms, Devine, Millimet & Branch, PA, **John P. Sherman** recently decided to form his own firm. Located in Portsmouth, NH, the firm is a trial and appellate litigation practice representing clients before all New Hampshire and Massachusetts state and federal courts and administrative agencies. His firm has a particular emphasis in the areas of constitutional and civil rights litigation, business disputes, employment counseling and litigation. • **Krysten Learned-Magooon ('90)** sent in a great update. First, she and her husband, Paul, have two children, son Alex (10) and daughter Kelsey (7), and they both own their own companies, which all gets very crazy – especially with her recent company expansion. She also writes that she and fellow Chevrus alums are doing well and are still as close as ever. **Krysten, Terilyn (Buckmiller) Esse, Dee (Boldezar) Kuiken, Linda (Black) Dhagita, Ellen "Toni" (Antonioni) Bernard and Joanne (Lyons) Haggerty** get their families together at least once or twice a year, but try very hard for an annual girls get-together and have been successful thus far. They are also very close with **Scott and Kerri Tellier** and never lose a beat when they regroup, except of course that they are now "more responsible" parents. She hopes that everyone is healthy and happy

in our class. • **Jeff Caldwell** moved back to the Boston area last summer after three years living in Santa Fe, NM. Jeff recently started working at the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, coordinating two new fellowship initiatives. After returning to the area, he married his partner of six years, Darryl DuVall, and they are living in Newton. I actually run into Jeff fairly often, and he is doing a great job! • That is all the updates this quarter – please do remember to send in updates as soon as you receive the magazine. I look forward to hearing from you.

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#### REUNION YEAR

**Michael Baroni** is working as chief legal counsel to BSH Home Appliances (Bosch, Thermador, Siemens, Gaggenau) in Huntington Beach, CA. His wife, Lisa Lynnette, had small parts in the TV shows *Medium* and *Monk* and in the movies *Spanglish* (with Adam Sandler) and *Happy Endings* (with Lisa Kudrow). She was recently profiled by *In Touch Weekly* and was a guest on the TV show *Access Hollywood*. • I caught up with **Ellen Carl** recently. Ellen is still living in Manhattan and is currently a producer for ABC's hilarious *World News Now*. (If you've never seen it and have occasion to be up in the middle of the night, do turn it on — you'll be well-informed and entertained at the same time!) Ellen does yearn for more civilized hours though, so she may be making a change in employment sometime soon. When she's not working, Ellen's tearing up the half-pipes and teaches snowboarding on the weekends. You go, girl! • Yes, this is the column for this quarter! I think I hit the all-time low for submissions since we graduated 15 years ago! You must all be keeping your news close to the vest so you have something to talk about at the reunion! Please send me all the scoop you get at the reunion so I can beef up this column next quarter!

'91

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Well, our class was a bit slow in the news department this go-around, so let's get the news in! I'm sure babies have been born, marriages have happened and promotions have occurred. Take a moment and drop me a line and let your fellow BC classmates and friends know what you've been up to! • Congratulations to **Elizabeth "Biz" Bracher**, who finished her PhD in developmental and educational psychology at BC last year. After three years in Minneapolis, she and her husband, Troy,

relocated to Boston with their two boys, Jack (5) and Christian (2). Biz is the assistant director of the Office of First Year Experience at BC, while Troy is a senior manager for Investors Bank & Trust in Boston. • Congratulations to **Laura Marrone Treseler** and her husband, James, on the birth of their second child, Charles Hamilton, born on January 7, 2004. He was welcomed home by big brother Zachary (2). • **Julie Marren** married Michael Cooke on August 25, 2001. In attendance were the following classmates from '91: **Janet (Kerwin) and Ken Neuhauser** with son Charlie; **Katie Chadbourne**; **Greg Rick Chadbourne**; **Susan Legare**; **Brian Donnelly**; **Katie (Carney) O'Connell**, husband Declan and their two children; and **Gregg Chambers** and his wife, Kim. It was a great reunion! Michael and Julie have since moved to Philadelphia, where he practices law, and she is teaching in the classics department at Germantown Friends School. They bought a house in the Manayunk section of the city, and on May 11, 2004, welcomed a son, Jacob Marren-Cooke. • **Patty (Deshaises) McPherson** moved back to Massachusetts in July 2004, after living in California for nine years. She and her husband, Sean, live in Plymouth with their two children, Kasey (2) and Jake (1). After teaching in California for several years, Patty is now enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. She can be reached at plm-cpherson@yahoo.com. • The Third Annual **Thomas M. Brennan** Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston on Friday, September 16, 2005, the day before BC plays Florida State University in its first ACC football match-up. Please visit [www.tmbmf.org](http://www.tmbmf.org) if you are interested in participating in the tournament, attending the reception or supporting The Thomas M. Brennan Memorial Foundation. The foundation will award its second scholarship to an incoming BC student this fall. Thank you for your support! • The deadline for the next BC notes is June 6, so get your news out to me now!

'92

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**Carole LoConte Tedesco** and her husband, Robert, welcomed a daughter, Isabella Carolina, in August 2004. Isabella joined a big brother, Luca Roberto (1). Carole practices with her husband's firm, Tedesco & Twomey, PC, with offices in Woburn and Winchester. • **Eric Huerter** and wife Pamela welcomed their third son, Jack Allen, in April 2004, who joins brothers Max and Finn. He was baptized in November, and **Brian Spellman** and his wife, Karla, were the godparents. Eric practices internal medicine, and Pamela practices family medicine in Lawrence, KS. They just finished building their

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"dream house" with plenty of TVs for enjoying the Eagles' undefeated seasons. Eric can be contacted via e-mail at [huertuer@sunflower.com](mailto:huertuer@sunflower.com). • **Shane (Jennings) Yahn** and her husband, David, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Spencer Michael Yahn. Spencer was born on March 21, 2004, and joins big brother Zachary (3). They have relocated to northwestern New Jersey and are doing great. Shane can be reached via e-mail at [dsyahn@msn.com](mailto:dsyahn@msn.com). • **Elise Marie DiCarlo** and husband Jeffrey welcomed their second son, William Louis, on October 7, 2004. He joins big brother Jacob in Omaha, NE. Elise anticipates graduating from Creighton Medical School this spring and is interviewing for a residency in psychiatry. • **Anne (Silbernagel) Harrington** lives in Oregon with her husband, Jon. Two weeks before giving birth to her son, Zachary Deane, in September 2004, she completed her second graduate program and is now licensed as both a rehabilitation and a school counselor. She works at the Oregon School for the Deaf as a counselor. • **Katie Boulos Gildea** and **Chris Gildea** welcomed their second daughter, Natalie, in July. Natalie joins big sister Gabriella (2). Katie and Chris are moving to the Philadelphia area, where Chris will be working for an investment management firm. • **Collette Cashman** married Charles H. Maher III in Boston this past October. Charlie is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and is a lieutenant commander in the US Navy Submarine Force. The matron of honor was **Alexia Corey Monsen** and bridesmaids included **Amy (Hyland) Munchak** and **Laura (Kiley) Keating**. Other BC grads in attendance were Dmitri Corey ('89), Mary Noonan, Anne Marie Valente, Anne Frame, Maureen Macione, Anthony Munchak, Michael Pratt, Kerry Byrne, Eric and Melissa (Ho) Mahoney, Jeff Hume ('91), Jackie Provenzano (GSSW '97), and Erin Skeffington ('96). Collette and Charlie planned to move to Hawaii in January. She can be reached at [collette1992@aol.com](mailto:collette1992@aol.com) and is expecting lots of visitors!

**'93**

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Not many notes this time around! **Hilary (Gauvin) Stevens** wrote to tell me about her beautiful September wedding to Douglas Stevens on the island of Kauai, HI. Doug is an engineer at Pratt & Whitney, and Hilary is the director of marketing and communications for a nonprofit organization in Connecticut. •

**John Steiner** has been named partner in the law firm of Sullivan & Worcester in its real estate department. John focuses his practice on acquisitions, financings and development work. He is also co-chair of the Boston Bar Association's Real Estate Finance Committee. John is a graduate of Harvard Law School and lives in Dedham. • **Jeanine (Napoli) Bortel** was recently named a global health fellow at Pfizer, which means she will take leave from her current job as a senior clinical study manager in Pfizer's New York City facility and volunteer in Kampala, Uganda, for three months. She will use her background in infectious diseases and public health to perform patient education at a hospital there. Jeanine will focus on teaching patients more about HIV/AIDS, nutrition, hygiene and women's health. • The deadline for the next issue is June 6, 2005. Please e-mail me with news of all those promotions, marriages and births!

**'95**

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#### REUNION YEAR

Hello, Class of 1995, and hold on to your wings – here are some new updates about your classmates. Don't see your name here? There's a reason for it – you haven't contacted me yet! • **Maria-Elena "Malena" Orejuela**, who earned her master's in public health from Tufts (with concentrations in epidemiology and biostatistics), has been working for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for almost five years. She is an epidemiologist at the Center for Health Information, Statistics, Research & Evaluation. She married Douglas Hood on September 24, 2004. They live in Watertown, where they bought a house a week before the wedding. Malena's attendants included groomsman **Manuel Orejuela** and bridesmaids **Ada Yim** and **Kathleen Welch**. • Manuel Orejuela married Kathleen Welch in 1997 in Boston. He obtained an MBA from the University of Chicago and is working at Kraft Foods as a product manager. Kathleen obtained a law degree from Boston College in 1998 and now works as a legal counsel at General Electric in Chicago. They have a one-year-old daughter, Nicole Maureen. • Ada Yim moved to California in 1998 and was married in August 2004 to Andres Gonzalez. She works as an accountant in a start-up company in San Jose. Ada's attendants included bridesmaid Malena Orejuela and **Connie Kim**. Connie lives in Chicago with her husband, Steve Chang. • **Richard Cook** married Kelly Tsou on November 2, 2003, in California. Rich's attendants included best man **Denis O'Connell**, **Ryan Badua**, Jay Brewer, Raju Jassar, Creighton Pang and Brian Sivesind. The couple live in Cambridge and recently had their first

daughter, Leina Angela Tsou Cook. • **Maureen (Curtin) Neiberger** sent me an update. She and her husband, Joe, welcomed their second child, William Joseph, on January 4. Their daughter, Rachael Elizabeth, became a big sister at the ripe old age of 15 months. The family lives in Framingham, and Maureen works for Genzyme as a finance manager. The couple were married in June 2000. They met at the 1997 wedding of fellow '95er **Kate Taylor**, for whom Maureen was a bridesmaid. Joe was the best man. • **Melissa M. Conlon** taught French and Spanish for two years at Malden Catholic High School and then at the Thomas A. Blake Middle School in Medfield. In 2001, Melissa returned to Long Island with son Renz to pursue a career in public education. In the last few years, she obtained a master's degree in education and is now an assistant principal at Longwood Senior High School. Melissa sends a great big "bonjour!" to the BC students involved in the VIA PARIS Junior Year Abroad study program of 1993-94 and looks forward to a rendez-vous at the reunion! • **William Burns** was promoted to the position of director in the technology practice of the Boston PR firm O'Neill and Associates. His promotion follows the growth of the agency's technology division in 2004, for which Bill provided first-rate government marketing services to prominent regional and national technology clients. Prior to joining O'Neill and Associates, Bill was a sales director and branch manager at Lightship Communications. He recently earned his MBA at Suffolk University. He currently lives in Hingham with his wife and son. • **Matt O'Keefe** and his wife, Jodi-Joy, welcomed their first child, Timothy, into the world on June 24, 2004. They live in Franklin. Matt is director of sales and marketing for a technology research and consulting firm outside Boston and is working on his MBA part-time. • **Michael Hall** and his wife, Sherri, welcomed their twin boys, Ryan and Tyler, on February 26, 2004. Mike is a sales trainer and supervisor for a pharmaceutical firm. He and his family reside in southern New

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Hampshire. Mike can be reached at [mhallnh@comcast.net](mailto:mhallnh@comcast.net). • Marine Corps lawyer **Tara Murphy** married Doug Hatch, also of the US Marine Corps, in October 2004. In the wedding party were **Margarita (Donovan) Leonard**, **Carrie (Carney) Dinneen**, **Tricia Tully**, **Ruth (Johnson) Anagnos** and **Marilee (Denelle) Bell** ('87). Also in attendance were Nancy Drane ('94), **Dana Colarulli**, **Charlie Drane**, **Steve Devine**, **Rick and Jen (McCormack) Nelson**, **John Gregorio** and **Jeremy Anagnos**. Tara and her husband are currently stationed in Beaufort, SC. Tara graduated from Michigan Law School in 2001. • **Jeannette (Meacham) Koonce** and her husband, Tom, welcomed their first child, Colin Thomas, on August 3, 2004. Colin was born in Washington, DC, where the Koonces have lived since both Tom and Jeannette graduated from William & Mary Law School in Virginia in 1998. They were looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in June. • **Deirdre "Dede" Carroll** married Jonathan Erulkar on August 1, 2004, at her parents' home in Lake Forest, IL. Many BC Carrolls were in attendance, including her matrons-of-honor, Colleen Carroll deVeer ('97) and Megan E. Carroll ('89, LAW '92). Also in the wedding party were her sister Oona Carroll, Sean Carroll (CGSOM '04) and Dan Grabos ('95), who flew in from London to usher. Barbara Hazard Munro, dean and professor at the Connell School of Nursing, and Judith Vessey, the Lelia Holden Carroll Professor of Nursing at the Connell School, also attended. Dede's 97-year-old grandmother, Lelia Holden Carroll, wife of the late Wallace E. Carroll ('28), was in top form as a guest of honor! Dede and Jonathan met while attending graduate school at Yale. Jonathan recently accepted a spine surgery fellowship at the New England Baptist Hospital starting in August 2006, which will bring Dede back to Boston after 10 years! She is thrilled to be returning, especially because she is completing her second year of PhD studies at BC. • Finally, **Cheryl (Pederson) Maguire** and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their twins, Logan Christopher and

Lindsay Rose, on February 24, 2005. • Listen to the sounds of the Heights – they're calling "Come to the reunion, come to the reunion!"

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First, some sad news: Jim Roth's beloved cherry red Acura NSX was stolen from the parking lot after the BC-Seton Hall basketball game at the Meadowlands on February 5. There was a big Class of '96 crew there that night: Kristen Peters (much more on her to follow), Liz Mignone, Scott Freeman, Andrew Fellingham, Crissy Callaghan, Kerry (Gallagher) Griggs, Dave Telep, Anna Zintl, Loretta Shing, Rachel Clough and John Dempsey. The car was later recovered in Newark with \$1,800 worth of damage. In happier news, **Megan Storz** won the Super Bowl squares pool at Blondie's in New York this year. I think she took home \$700. • **Lori (Neill) Moriarty** and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Catherine, on June 8, 2004. They recently moved to Ridgefield, CT. **Johanna Roedenburg** writes that she just returned from getting married in Islamorada, FL. In attendance were Class of '96 members **Mary LeBoeuf Ostaszewski**, with her husband, Henry Ostaszewski – she has two children Benjamin (2) and Brooke (4); **Orlando Acosta**; and **Judy (Cantallops) Vignola** with her husband, Michael Vignola, and their nine-month-old son, Andrew. Judy was a member of the wedding party. Johanna and her husband, Richard Deleisegues, live in San Diego, where she practices insurance defense litigation and has been working for Callahan McCune & Willis, a regional law firm, for over a year. Johanna writes, "San Diego is a beautiful city and local '96 alumni include **Tom Hobbs**." • **Nampeera Lugira Kayondo** writes that she recently received her MS in administrative studies from the Woods College of Advancing Studies at BC. She works at the F.W. Parker Charter Essential School and has two boys, Gerard (5) and Gabriel (3). She writes, "My close friend from BC, **Yasmin Rodriguez Burrell**, recently had her first child, Jeremy, with her husband, Andre Burrell (LAW '97). All are doing well. Congrats to the happy new baby!" • **Dave McGrath** writes that he is working as a special education teacher at a DYS program on the grounds of Westboro State Hospital. He also recently signed his first book deal: "My book is called *E-relationship* and is being published by Publish America ([www.publishamerica.com](http://www.publishamerica.com)). It should be out within six months." **Robyn Baker** recently joined LMG, Inc., in Orlando, FL, as a marketing manager. LMG provides video, audio and lighting support to clients nationwide. • Now, back

to Kristen Peters, who has submitted the most detailed wedding announcement I have ever received! Here goes: Kristen and **Robert Bierwirth** were married at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church on September 18, 2004. The reception was held at the State Room in Faneuil Hall. Kristen and Rob first met freshman year on the BC swimming team. Rob is in his first year as a medical resident at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) and works at the university's hospitals in Newark and Hackensack. Kristen is a school psychologist in Linden, NJ, and is completing her doctorate at Fordham University. Rob and Kristen now live in Westfield, NJ. There was a strong representation of BC alumni at their wedding: Nancy Caputo Peters ('68) is the mother of the bride. Gerald Rotella ('71) is an uncle of the groom. Robert Dobrzynski ('65) is a friend of the bride's parents. Megan Storz (she of the \$700 Super Bowl squares) was a bridesmaid. Kristen's former roommates and teammates who attended the wedding included **Lynn Damigella Molinari**, married to **Carlo Molinari**, who have a son, Luke, and a daughter, Mia, and live in Medway; **Caroline Cerullo** and **Mark Hogan ('97)**, who live in Chapel Hill, NC; **Karyn Ciappa** and **Alex Collard**, who live in Aurora, CO; **Liz Mignone** and **Christine Grubert**, who live in New York City; **Liz Noone O'Donnell** and husband **Tom O'Donnell** and **Suzanne Geden**, who live in South Boston; **Megan Lammon**, who lives in Charlotte, NC; and **Jay and Christen English Coulby**, who live in Alexandria, VA. Thought I was done? Oh no! Rob's former roommates and teammates who attended the wedding included **Scott Cornick** and **Carl Giordano ('95)** from New York City; **Jon Kemmerer** from Ventura, CA; **Jon Daly** from Chicago; **Sean and Lisa Lambert Uiterwyk**, who have a daughter, Reilly, and live in Cranston, RI; **Dan ('95)** and **Tara Mulgrew**, who have a son, Ben, and live in Westford; **Boris Jaskille** (who is your Class Notes writer's former roommate – Hi, Boris!), who lives in San Juan, Puerto Rico; **Todd ('95)** and **Kathryn Lawrence** from Brighton; **Christopher Kondrath ('95)** from Beaverton, OR; and **Jeffrey ('95)** and **Jennifer Whitkens** from Ashland. Congrats, Kristen and Rob!

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**Zoe Smith Jaye** and **Andrew Jaye** welcomed their daughter, **Maura Lynn**, into the world on May 27, 2004. **Lucy Griesbach** was taking a leave from her position as chair of multimedia at the Institute of Arts and Multimedia, at Los Angeles Mission College, to be artist in residence at **Lademoen Kunstnerverksted** in Trondheim, Norway, in the spring.

## 2005 Alumni Achievement Awards Ceremony

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While in Trondheim she will work on a digital film; her stay will culminate in an art exhibition. • **Tracie Laurinaitis** recently returned to the United States after living in Russia and Kazakhstan for eight years working for American nonprofit organizations. She is now spending time with family and friends in Florida and will be attending the London Business School MBA program beginning in August. She's looking forward to heading off again. • **Christina Song ('98)** and **Jason Kim** were married on October 2, 2004, in Sleepy Hollow, NY. They were supported by friends and family, which included maid of honor Janet Schoffman ('99), best man David Lee ('95), Michael Kim ('98), David Cho ('96), Anne Byun ('96) and **Doh Yun Cha**. The couple spent their honeymoon in Spain and Portugal and now reside in New York City. • **Meghan O. Murray** recently joined the law firm of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP as an associate in the litigation department. She previously served as a research assistant and teaching assistant at Rutgers University School of Law in Camden, NJ. She also served as an intern with a US district judge and a trial preparation assistant for the New York County District Attorney's Office. • **Kathleen Daly** and **Brendan Adams** were married on October 30, 2004, the day of the Red Sox victory parade! The ceremony took place at Holy Name Church in West Roxbury and was followed by a reception at the Sheraton in Braintree. **Tricia Wall**, **Aimee Gauthier**, **Maureen (Mimnaugh) Lin** and **Marissa (Donovan) Rusek** were bridesmaids. **Ronald Adams** was an usher. **Aileen (Adams) Murphy ('91)** and **Patrick Goonan ('91)** participated in the ceremony. Other BC alums in attendance were **Tanya Theriault**, **Nancy Cambareri**, **John Coyne ('99)**, **Michael Flaherty ('91)**, **John Flaherty ('92)** and **Kathleen (McCarthy) Chardavoyne ('96)**. Coworkers at Beth Israel and fellow Connell School of Nursing alums included **Melissa Reilly ('95)**, **Mary (Bannerman) Ray ('96)**, **Jacqueline Loehr ('96)**, **Jessica (Leonard) Kelliher ('96)**, **Juliana (Castelli) Grohman ('99)** and **Marc ('99)** and **Erin (Girard) Mastronardi ('99)**. The happy couple honeymooned in Australia and live in West Roxbury. • **Michael Forde**, vice president at E Factor Media, has moved from California to direct operations at the company's new location in Cambridge. **Joel T. Shaw** recently joined the law firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson in its Manchester, NH, office. Joel graduated first in his class in 2002 from the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord. • **VJ and Paula (Urza) Occhino** welcomed their first child, **Mia Carolina**, into the world on November 10, 2004. VJ is working at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Boston in the tax department, and Paula is practicing domestic law in Danvers. They live in Beverly.

# '98

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Can you believe it has been seven years since we graduated? Where does the time go? So many of you are doing great things – back to school, traveling, starting families... Please drop me an e-mail and let me know what you have been up to! • **Wendy Prygoda Weston** and her husband, Marc, had a baby girl, Leah Theresa, on July 17, 2004. Wendy was recently promoted to marketing communications specialist at LIMRA International, a financial services association in Windsor, CT. She and Marc live in Wethersfield, CT. **Brian O'Brien** is in his third year of studies for the priesthood. He is studying for the diocese of Tulsa, OK, at St. Meinrad Seminary in southern Indiana. His ordination to the priesthood is on schedule for May 2007 at Holy Family Cathedral in Tulsa. Brian thinks life in the seminary is truly wonderful. He spent last summer in Guadalajara, Mexico, and will be spending this summer as a hospital chaplain. • **J. Paul Secord** and his wife, Deborah, had their first child, Charlotte D'Arcy, on January 11, 2005. After six years at Babson College as director of gift and estate planning, Paul changed jobs last summer and is now the senior major gifts officer at Lahey Clinic. He is managing Lahey's \$150 million Future of Medicine Initiative, which is an exciting challenge. More importantly, the change has reduced his travel schedule from four days a week to none and keeps him home at night with mom and baby. They bought their second home in Northborough, where they plan to stay for the long haul. • **Ellen Jackman**, a captain and judge advocate in the US Marine Corps, was deployed to Iraq for six months in early March. **Charise Rohm** and her boyfriend, Scott Berg, are moving back to Boston after almost five years in San Francisco. Charise left *Teen People* magazine at Time Inc. and is planning to go back to school to get her master's in teaching. • I was in New York in December and had dinner with **Jocelyn Cavanna Graseck** and her husband, Peter. On another business trip in January to New York, I met **Dawn Krieger** and **Josephine Sciarrino** for dinner. • I ran into **Amanda (Skeith) and Jack Murphy** recently at a Kellogg event. It was nice to see them both, and they told me about their wedding last summer. Here are the details: The wedding took place in Chicago on August 28, 2004. Kevin Murphy ('03) was the best man, and the following BCers were groomsmen: **Joseph Norberg**, **Tom Felago**, **Matt Mitchell**, **Mike King**, **Mike Guerra** and **George Stiehl**. Other Class of '98 attendees included **Kathleen (Donovan) Riegelhaupt**, **Katie (Regan) Kane**, **Dave**

**Kane**, **Erin Kelly**, **Brian Church**, **Cara (Gady) Church**, **Ryan Quinn**, **Jenny (McClintock) Mitchell**, **Peggy (Turner) King**, **Whitney (Gould) Topping**, **Ryan Sfreddo**, **Jen (Mardis) Sfreddo**, **Adam Brown**, **Mike Grant**, **Rick Sala**, **Gary Ward**, **Jorge Ribas**, **Tim O'Hara**, **Al and Lucia (Fankhanel) Furman**, **John Ward** and **Abby (Baine) Dunn**. Peter Newell ('01), Jason Gilboy ('01) and Kristen McCarthy ('03) also attended. Al and Lucia (Fankhanel) Furman had a baby girl, Isabella Rose, on January 29, 2005. • All is well for me in Chicago. My husband, Nate, got an internship at a consulting company here, so we are excited to be in Chicago together for a summer.

# '99

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On June 21, 2003, **Katie Hart** and **Andrew Rollauer** were married at Christ the King Church in Rutland, VT. The wedding reception was held at the Summit Lodge in Killington, VT. BC alumni, and one future alumnus, in attendance were the groom's brother and best man, **Tom Rollauer ('97)**, and his wife, **Julie (Tucker) Rollauer ('97)**, **Kevin Schuler**, **Ken "KJ" Johnston**, **Patrick "PJ" Brennan**, **Ryan Cremins**, **Dani (Flemming) Kerrigan**, **Bill Kerrigan**, **Pat Criscillo**, **Susan Verrill**, **Tara Krissik**, **Nick Vegliante**, **Ryan Zenga**, **Tricia Armelin**, **Sean Sinclair**, **Jackie LeMaitre**, **Kris Lincoln**, **Elizabeth Galliano**, **Karen Montenegro** and **Emily Walsh ('05 expected)**. Katie and Andrew honeymooned in Kauai, HI. Katie is the research manager for the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association (IHRSA). Andrew is a senior consultant in the Life Sciences Regulatory Consulting practice of Deloitte & Touche. They currently reside in Wellesley. • In the summer of 1999, **Patrick Kennedy** had an essay published in the *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*, and his punk band at the time had a track on *Boston Drops the Gloves: A Tribute to Slapshot*, a nationally released compilation that also featured the Mighty Mighty BossTones and Dropkick Murphys. More recently, in 2004, Patrick received a master's degree in journalism from Boston University, and began writing for the *Boston Globe Sunday* magazine on a freelance basis. His full-time job is at BU, where he writes for *Bostonia*, its alumni quarterly, and other publications. He also plays in a loud Irish folk band with his brother Paul ('02) and their friend John Donahoe ('01). They have played the Paradise in Boston and Connolly's in New York City, and they planned to be back on campus in April to open for Black '47 in Lyons. Upcoming shows are listed at [www.geocities.com/padraigc1976/larkinbrigade](http://www.geocities.com/padraigc1976/larkinbrigade). Patrick currently lives in Mission Hill. • As you all read this, Chris Shore will have already

returned from his second tour in Iraq, but I still wanted to include a part of the e-mail he sent me in late December as I feel it helps get across what our amazing soldiers are experiencing over there. Chris wrote: "This time has been much different, more violence in some ways and less in others. I have never been in any fire-fights but the insurgents have fired almost 100 mortars and rockets at our base in the last couple of months. One impacted about 100 meters away from me while I was in the shower. I've never felt so helpless." • On October 23, 2004, Katie Wickham married Michael Alf at St. Ignatius as the BC Eagles defeated Notre Dame and the Red Sox won the first game of the World Series. Members of the wedding party included Megan Keddy and Bridget Majeski. Other BC alums attending the wedding included Tracy Madsen Ro, Jeanine Gabriele, Maia Misura, Rebecca Pasquesi, Priscilla Cole Gilbert, Colleen Moriarty and Gwen (Cherne) and James Neely. They honeymooned in Italy for 10 days. Currently, they are living in St. Charles, IL, slightly northwest of Chicago. Katie still works for Toyota Motor Sales, USA but recently switched to the Lexus division, as a sales product trainer. • Hey, Class of 1999, Emily and I wish you a very fun and relaxing summer. If you happen to be heading down to the Cape, drop me an e-mail; I will be in Chatham each weekend. Also, please keep the updates coming. I know there have been many weddings that have yet to be featured in the Class Notes (Lee Ellen, Corby...) and little additions to the family (McDevitt). Enjoy your summer and please keep in touch. Go BC!

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## REUNION YEAR

As we prepare for our fifth reunion, it's hard to believe that five years have gone by since our graduation. In that time so many of us have accomplished so much. Here is some of the exciting news from the last several months. • Robert D. Moriarty, son of CJ Moriarty II ('72) and Geraldine Moriarty ('72), has passed the Massachusetts bar examination. He was sworn in as an attorney at Faneuil Hall in a December 16, 2004, ceremony. Robb is the fourth generation of his family to practice law. He is a graduate of Suffolk Law School and is working as an attorney in the law office of Charles Morano, Esq. of Edgartown and Barnstable. • Jan Kostrzewski is working in fixed income covering the German distressed debt market at Morgan Stanley in London. He welcomes classmates to get in touch with him. His e-mail is jan.kostrzewski@morganstanley.com. • Desiree Scoria married Nikolaus Halter on May 22,

2004, in Vienna, Austria. The ceremony and cocktails took place at the Belvedere Palace and the reception at the Hotel Bristol. The couple honeymooned on Lake Fuschl just outside Salzburg. The wedding was convalidated at Desiree's hometown church on July 24, followed by a reception at her parents' house in Maine. Craig Heins and Graeme Pexton attended the wedding in Vienna. Jess Camp, Sean Donnelly and Erik Scoria ('03) were present at the reception in Maine. The couple live in New York City, where Desiree is a curriculum developer for Kaplan, and Nick is a freelance translator. • On June 26, 2004, Kristen Conboy and Brett Balavender of Fairfield, CT, were married at the Water's Edge Resort in Westbrook, CT. Cathy Cianci, Abby Kopischke, John Courtney and Steve Crowley were members of the wedding party. Other members of the Class of 2000 who attended the wedding were Marc Blanchette, Rob Cinguina, Natalie Corrigan, Cara Gardner, Mike Kopischke, Nikki Lee, Liz Spranzani, Patrick Uiterwyk ('01), Mike Ungari and Krista Zilnicki. Other alumni in attendance included Richard ('78) and Mary Thompson ('78) and Melissa Cacciapaglia ('95). • Adam Hughes and MaryKate Hanlon were married on August 7, 2004, at St. Aloysius Church in Washington, DC. BC alumni in the wedding party were Keith Green, Alison Stankus, Jamie Wilson and Lee Calamis ('99). Class of 2000 members in attendance were Paul Berens, Kris Brewer, Jaime Corliss, Katharine Fogarty, Lauren Fogarty, Adam Henley, Kristin Krupka, Kristen Luppino, Carrie Fling Monnette, Mary Mullin, Matt Norcini, Donna Pimentel, Pete and Lauren (Hostage) Rankel and Mark Sieczkowski. Additional BC alumni in attendance were Katie Dalton ('03), Jay Gelston ('01), Mike Mita ('01), Katie Phelan ('01) and Brian Walsh ('01). Ryan Sullivan held the title of honorary best man, but he and his wife, Mercedes del Valle Prieto Sullivan, were unable to attend as they are pursuing master's degrees at the University of Sydney in Australia. The couple continue to reside in Washington, DC, where Adam is the budget policy analyst for the nonprofit group OMB Watch, and MaryKate is a fifth-grade math and science teacher and a founding faculty member of DC Preparatory Academy Public Charter School. • On August 14, 2004, Meg Miles was married to Michael Loester in Baltimore. Megan Jones and Leslie Walters were bridesmaids. Kelly Sharman, Emily (Spooner) Smith and Sarah Stiglmeier also played a part in the ceremony. Other guests in attendance included Joe Bernardi, Cailleen (Louth) Bernardi, Jess Geier, Natalie Lorenti, Beth Naldi, T.J. Pascalides, Adria Reimer, Amanda Seirup, Clare Inzeo ('05 expected) and Patty Inzeo ('07 expected). The

couple honeymooned in Bermuda and currently live in Baltimore. Mike is a civil transportation engineer at RK&K Engineers, LLP. Meg is an eighth-grade math teacher in Baltimore County and is working toward her master's degree in education. • David Peck and Liza Kimball were married on September 5, 2004, in Framingham. Jaime Baldante, Joe Durkin, Tracey Nini and Sara Suglia were in the wedding party. Fellow classmates Susan Antani, Jeff Finley, Colin Galloway, Ravi Gatha, Neil Koenig, Patty Mahoney, Trieste Pierandri Matte, Dave McLean, Susan Pitt and John Stanisz attended the wedding. Liza and Dave currently live in Framingham. Liza received her master's degree in nursing in 2003 from the Connell School of Nursing and works as a maternity nurse. Dave works in DNA technology at the Broad Institute in Cambridge. • Jessica Pulzetti married Thomson Nguy at the Park Street Church in Boston on October 10, 2004. Members of the BC Class of 2000 present at the wedding were Bill Dunn, Stephanie Haug, Mollie Young, Kim Walsh and Heather Ward. The couple moved to Reston, VA, after the wedding. Thomson is working as an alliance manager for a technology company; Jessica is teaching English as a second language in Arlington and in the MATESL program (Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language) at American University in Washington, DC. • Kristina Provencher was married to Kevin O'Connell on January 15, 2005, in St. John. After completing her second master's degree, Kristina is teaching at a private school in New Haven. Kevin is the vice president of his family's business and is working on his MBA at Boston College. The couple live in Connecticut. • Joseph and Abigail Bronner Theis welcomed their first child, a daughter, Marin Carney, on November 1, 2004. • See you at reunion!

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Howdy, Class of 2001! I hope you are all well and enjoying the spring. I am busy at home, chasing after a crawling baby and recovering from a few months in India. It is amazing how time flies! • I received some humbling news about Randall J. Collette. Randy is a first lieutenant in the US Army, serving with the 25th Infantry 3-4 Cavalry in Afghanistan. He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with Valor for heroic action during the summer of 2004. As a class, we have much to be proud of, and Randy certainly deserves this award of "meritorious distinction." Our congratulations and prayers go to Randy and his family for this wonderful honor. • Some happy news... On December 31, 2004, Brian Anderson and Lise Byrne were married in Baltimore. Fellow Eagles in the wedding

party were **Sara Conahan**, **Kristen Stevenson**, **Robert Doehner** and **Matthew Mainelli**. Other BC alums in attendance were **Rochelle Webb**, **Lauren Aronoff**, **Krista Melien**, **Brendan Sullivan**, **Christina Johnson**, **Mark Kimberling**, **Kevin McCartney**, **Tim Baier**, **Duke Martin**, **Morgan Stiles**, **Danielle Smyth**, **Julie McCartney** ('04), **Sere Saliba** ('04), **Brendan McCabe**, **Donald McCartney** ('68) and **Robert Reardon** ('63). Brian and Lise live in Dallas, where Brian attends a chiropractic college, and Lise is a kindergarten teacher. • In Alpharetta, GA, on August 7, 2004, **Mary Bain** married **James Ball** ('02). There were many BC grads in attendance, including the following from the Class of '01: **Andrea Eagerman**, **Kristin Brandt**, **Amy (Kaufold) Grippo**, **Despina Binikos**, **Stephanie Wade**, **Amanda (Orlando) Kesterson**, **Christina Mauriello**, **Courtney Cappa**, **Nicole Harris**, **Michele Hunton**, **Brian Thibeault** and **Amy Muzyka**. In addition, **Brendan O'Brien** ('02), **Drew Schaffer** ('04), **Jonah Petri** ('02) and **Robert Segal** ('02) were in attendance. The couple live in Sanford, NC. Mary is pursuing a master's in sport administration at UNC Chapel Hill, while Jim is a lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne Division of the US Army, stationed at Ft. Bragg. • **Beth (Lewis) Ramos**, daughter of Jim Lewis ('72), married Paul Ramos in August 2004 at St. Matthew's church in Southborough, with a reception at Stow Acres Country Club in Stow. The bridesmaids included Amy (Lewis) Tesoro ('97), **Krista Melien**, **Lisa Miller** and **Gail Dirschberger**. Other wedding attendees included **Jenna Person**, **Kayleen Bauer**, **Katie Murphy** and **Erin Messier** ('97). Beth and Paul honeymooned in San Francisco and live in Millis. Beth is teaching fourth grade in Medfield. • **Sandi (Birkeland) Kanne** is enjoying married life. Our best wishes to Sandi and all the newlyweds of the Class of 2001!

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On August 7, 2004, **James Ball** married **Mary Bain** ('01) in Alpharetta, GA. In attendance were **Brendan O'Brien** and **Jonah Petri**. The couple currently live in Sanford, NC, as Jim is a lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne Division of the US Army, stationed at Ft. Bragg. • **Oliver Perez** and **Jamie Schuler** were married in October at the Fairfield University chapel in Fairfield, CT. The priest presiding was Fr. Boughton ('70, GA&S '72). **Thomas Leaf**, **Dave Grosso**, **Mike Walt**, **Arash Hajianpour**, **Yasmin Abboud**, **Spruille Braden**, **Katie Sullivan**, **Austin Lee**, **Casey Fullerton**, **Abbie Daniel** and **Claire Weiss** ('03) were all in attendance. The couple now reside in Grand Rapids, MI. • **Megan Callahan** married **Matthew Kelty** on August 28, 2004, in Lake George, NY. **Christine Cordek**, **Bridget Kelty** and **Elizabeth Klaes** served as

bridesmaids. **Kimberly Anderson**, **Margaret Kelty** ('04) and **Conor Mulcahy** were also in attendance. • Congratulations to **Natalie Byrdsong**, who has become an assistant resident director at Syracuse University. After teaching computer science for two years at BU, **Federico Lucifredi** has moved on to become network software architect at BL Software Systems and, in a truly epic month, married Irena Veljkovic. • **Megan R. Gavin**, who went on from BC to attend the Harvard Graduate School of Education, is now serving in the US Peace Corps in Nicaragua. Prior to this, Megan worked in Washington, DC, with the American Institutes for Research, where she focused on education issues. Anyone interested in Nicaragua or Central America can contact Megan at [megan-gavin104@hotmail.com](mailto:megan-gavin104@hotmail.com).

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The BC Eagles' fantastic basketball season has kept many alumni cheering throughout the past months. Many of our classmates in New York City were able to gather for the games to cheer on the team and catch up with one another. • **Kevin B. Meme** recently left the world of economic research and took a new job as a full-time campus minister at Boston College High School. He is living in Boston and is thrilled about his new position. • **Katie Dailey** and her husband, Christopher Melfi (URI '03), welcomed their son, James David, into the world on March 8, 2004. The proud parents report that he is in perfect health and is a wonderful and happy baby. • **Becca Glenn** received her master's degree in women's studies from Loyola University in Chicago this past December. She is now working at Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County in Pennsylvania. • **Shirley Galarza** married **Matthew L. Epstein** in Stamford, CT, on February 26, 2005. In attendance were fellow BC grads **Kristin Schelfhaut**, **Jessica Brown**, **Annie Happel**, **Ann Moynihan**, **Nina Suryoutomo**, **Jason Quiara** and **Seth DiNuovo**. • Congratulations to all! Hope everyone is well and, as always, please e-mail me with any news you'd like to share. It's always great to hear from you all. Happy spring!

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By the time you get this magazine, **Tom Burns** will be in Iraq as a platoon leader for the US Army. He'd love to hear from anyone: 2LT Thomas Burns; D 52 Infantry, 2-8 FA; 1/25 SBCT; APO AE 09345. • **Marika Beaton** is now working at O'Neill and Associates, a Boston-based government and public relations firm. She is an

account coordinator in the community relations division, where she works to ensure that clients gain support for their development initiatives. • **Tomas Francis Tramontin** is enjoying his time at the animal rights organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. He has become an outspoken advocate for animal rights. • **Kristine (Krissy) Pattin** has received a fellowship for the Dartmouth College doctoral program in biomedical sciences. She is completing her third lab rotation at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. • Please e-mail anytime with any news you would like to include in the future.

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**Josh McIntyre** ('92, MBA '97) and **Heather Mazzeo** ('92, MBA '98) were married on January 17, 2004, in Newton. CGSOM alums who attended were **Mark Sokolich** ('89, MBA '97), **Dennis McCollum** (MBA '97), **Jean (Donnelly) Schnorr** (MBA '97), **Kristen Morin** (MSW '97) and **Pete Quattromani** (MBA '97). Josh and Heather currently live in Massachusetts. Josh is a graduate student at UNH in natural resource conservation, and Heather works for Reebok International. The Boston office of Gensler Architecture, Design & Planning Worldwide recently announced the promotion of **Larry Donnell-Kilmer** (MBA '04) to associate. **Bob Kademian** (MBA '89) now lives in Connecticut and owns an ACTION International Business Coaching franchise. He is enjoying being back in New England and working with people in a number of different industries, after spending over two decades in the pharmaceutical industry. He says hello to classmates and would like to hear what they are doing. He can be reached at [bobkademian@action-international.com](mailto:bobkademian@action-international.com). **James P. Carey** (MBA '04) was appointed to the Board of Bar Overseers of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. James is a certified public accountant in Boston, specializing in forensic accounting, commercial insurance claim services and litigation services.

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**Elizabeth Howard** (MS '79) has been designated as a distinguished research fellow at Northeastern University for her level of extramural research funding. **Joyce David** (MS '03) is co-author of an article on teasing and bullying of middle school students, published in the *Journal of American Psychiatric Nurses Association*. **Kristin Sethares** (PhD '03) is co-author of an article on tailored intervention for per-

sons with heart failure, published in *Heart & Lung*. She also co-authored an article on nurse and peer intervention for recovering elders, published in the *Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing*. **Joanne O'Sullivan** (MS '97, PhD '03) presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Society of Adolescent Medicine. **Joellen Hawkins** (MS '69) is co-author of *Guidelines for Nurse Practitioners in Gynecologic Settings* (Springer), which was named a 2004 Book of the Year by the *American Journal of Nursing* under the category of advanced practice nursing. **Carol Picard** (MS '76, PhD '98) is the graduate program director at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. **Ann Dylis** (PhD '03) presented a paper related to parents of children with neurofibromatosis at the annual educational conference of the International Society of Nurses in Genetics. She also co-presented "Building Community through Research" at the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Research Congress. **Karen (Hassey) Dow** (MS '80, PhD '98) recently published a book titled *Contemporary Issues in Breast Cancer, Second Edition*. **Jean D'Meza Leuner** (MS '79) co-authored an article on perceptions of physicians on the role of nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nurse midwives published in the *Journal of Rural Health*.

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**Theodore Kepes, Jr.** (PhD '04) is currently a part-time faculty member in the Theology Department at Boston College and Stonehill College. **Barbara Lopez-Mayhew** (PhD '02) has recently published her dissertation. She is a tenure-track faculty member at Plymouth State College in New Hampshire. **Shamita Das** (MS '72) has just been elected a fellow of the American Geophysical Union (AGU), a prestigious fellowship to which only 40 AGU fellows are elected per year from a membership of over 41,000. Shamita is currently a reader in earth sciences at Oxford University in England. **Aimee Brooks** (MA '04) is the assistant office manager at Clear Forest Corporation, an Israel-based software company. **Greg Kim** (PhD '02) is an assistant professor at California State University in Sacramento. **Alison Carson** (PhD '01) is an assistant professor at Manhattanville College in New York. **Catherine Rice** (PhD '00) is a behavioral scientist at the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. **Julie Woodzicka** (PhD '00) is an assistant professor at Washington and Lee in Virginia. **Joseph Weiss** (MA '76), a professor of management at Bentley College in Waltham, was recently chosen as the

school's recipient of the 2004 Innovation Teaching Award. **Benjamin Intan** (PhD '04) is teaching Christian social ethics at the Reformed Institute in Jakarta, Indonesia, and is conducting seminars on theology and politics in several cities including Singapore, Melbourne and Sydney. **Grant Kaplan** (PhD '03), an assistant professor of religious studies at Loyola University in New Orleans, reflected on his friendship with retired BC theology professor and archdiocesan priest, Philip King, in a recent article entitled "Remembering Boston" in the Spring 2005 issue of the Jesuit magazine *Conversations*. **Jeremy Bailey** (PhD '03) has been appointed assistant professor in the political science department at Villanova University. **Devin Stauffer** (PhD '98) has been appointed assistant professor in the political science department at the University of Texas.

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**Frank Pace** (MSW '00) and his wife, Amy, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Morgan Jean, on September 22, 2004. The family lives in West Warwick, RI, where Frank is working as a director of Project Hope and CASSP.

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All graduate alumni of the Lynch School are invited to the annual Super Seminar and Lynch School Alumni Reception. The seminar this year, "The Global Reach of the Lynch School of Education," will take place on Friday, June 3, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in McGuinn 121, as part of Reunion Weekend. A reception for alumni will follow in Campion 139, featuring international cuisine. Faculty members presenting at the seminar are Monan Professor Philip Altbach, who studies and works with higher education institutions internationally, particularly in Asia and Africa; M. Brinton Lykes, professor of developmental psychology and associate dean, who has been active in Central America; and Ina Mullis and Michael Martin, who head up the TIMSS and PIRLS International Study Center, which conducts comparative studies of educational

achievement throughout the world. Dean Joseph O'Keefe, SJ, will serve as moderator. • **Nanette L. Cormier** (MA '91) has been appointed director of development at Primary Source, a non-profit global resource and educational center in Watertown. Primary Source helps K-12 educators to be expert practitioners in teaching history and the humanities. Its mission is to ensure that school curriculum is inclusive of multiple perspectives in both US and world history. Nan formerly worked as assistant director of corporate and foundations relations at Boston College and served as director of development at Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge.

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It is always enjoyable receiving a Christmas letter from **Kathie McCarthy** ('75) as to what has transpired in the McCarthy family during the year. Kathie reports that she and Bill ('74) enjoyed his 30th reunion from BC last spring, and she is the president of this year's 30th reunion class planning committee. Kathie and Bill's daughter, Sheila ('03), completed a year with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps after graduating from BC. Sheila is now attending Columbia University's School of Social Work full time. Their son, Tom ('01), has his own business, T's Landscaping. He has been a full-time seasonal policeman and special-duty officer for the town of Hull as well as a part-time auxiliary police officer in Framingham. Kathie is a member of the choir at St. Bridget's in Framingham and teaches seventh-grade CCD. Tom is a eucharistic minister and took over Kathie's CCD class recently when she was sick. Hope you are feeling better, Kathie. I always enjoy hearing from you. • I received a letter from **Jane Sheehan Smith** ('64), who informed me that her sister, **Mary Sheehan Riopel** ('54), died on October 4, 2004, after an illness that prevented Mary from attending her 50th reunion last spring. Jane has a brother, Larry, a graduate of the Carroll School of Management, and a sister, Veronica Sheehan, SCN. • Ernest Smail, the father of **Brian Smail**, OFM ('89), died on February 12, 2005, after a very brief illness. Prayers and condolences are extended to both families during this difficult time of sorrow. • On a happier note, I am the proud cousin of Benjamin Joseph McGilvray, who was born on February 20. His proud parents are Jay and Daniella McGilvray. Jay is a part-time graduate student at Boston College in the Lynch School of Education. Congratulations, Jay and Daniella. • If you have any news, write me a note. Happy spring!



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHAPTER NOTES

Dear Friends,

In the last issue, I announced the launch of our first-ever national chapter dues drive. I am pleased to share with you now that the initial response has been very strong. Within the first three weeks of the campaign, more than 2,000 alumni had decided to join their local chapter and take advantage of a variety of travel and BC-related discounts. The chapter membership program is a key component of the national plan, and I thank you for your support and suggestions as we got it off the ground.

The spring has been a season of travel for the Alumni Association's chapter team, starting back in March with our annual Florida swing during which we visited with members of three alumni chapters in the Sunshine State. We kicked off the trip with a men's basketball game watch in Palm Beach with Leaders Michael DiForio '98 and Richard Ewing '98 and some 40 local alumni. We then gathered with members of the Southwest Florida Chapter to watch the BC Eagles take on the World Champion Boston Red Sox in an exhibition game at City of Palms Park in Fort Myers. We were thrilled to have the World Series trophy on display at our reception on the practice field prior to the game. Thanks to Chapter Leader Chris Heaslip '86 and his wife, Kim, for hosting such a successful event. Another highlight of the trip was joining the Central Florida Chapter in cheering on the Atlanta Braves as they battled the New York Mets in a spring training game at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex. Thanks go out to Anthony '98 and Carrie (Bikowski) Conti '98 and the entire Central Florida Chapter for their hospitality.



We were back in Florida in May to participate in an organizational meeting in Miami, which is gearing up to provide a strong base of BC support in this key ACC area. I'd like to congratulate DJ Cannava '90 for taking over the helm of the Miami Chapter, and I want to thank all of the alumni who attended the meeting for their enthusiasm and commitment to the chapter.

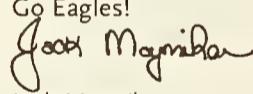
I'd also like to congratulate Charlie Rego '92, Tom Bransfield '89 and the Chicago Chapter on their very successful organizational meeting in April. More than 100 alumni gathered in the Mid-Day Club in downtown Chicago, and the energy and creativity in the room were hard to miss. We were pleased to be able to host two presidential visits in May – in New York City and Fairfield County, and my sincere thanks go to Leaders Dineen Riviezzo '89 and Michael Wirin '89 in New York and Dave Telep '96 in Fairfield County for helping ensure such a strong turnout in both regions.

Also in May, the DC Chapter partnered with the Boston College Fund in hosting an evening with Athletic Director Gene DeFilippo on Capitol Hill. Our new leadership in DC, including Chapter Leader Bob Emmett '98, did an excellent job in securing a wonderful venue in the Rayburn House Office Building and in getting the word out about the event. We look forward to future opportunities to partner with the BC Fund as well as to bring first-rate speakers from the University community to additional chapters through Alumni Connections, our new faculty speaker series.

In the spirit of partnership, we were pleased to co-host Family Fun Day with the BC Athletic Department again this year. This event featuring inflatable games, music, the BC cheerleaders and Baldwin the mascot, and culminating in the spring football game, is always a family favorite.

As we look ahead to the summer, we are excited about welcoming many of you back to campus for Reunion Weekend 2005. Here at the Alumni Association, our classes team is now complete with the addition of Ann Connor as program assistant. I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome Erin Melvin to her new position as my assistant. Erin will provide a good deal of support to the chapter team while we're on the road to ACC regions this summer, in preparation for the conference move on July 1.

I hope you enjoy the warm weather and take advantage of opportunities to relax with your family and friends this summer. Thank you for your continued support of the national program.

Go Eagles!  
  
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Senior Associate Director

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LOS ANGELES, CA Harry R. Hirshorn '89  
ORANGE COUNTY, CA Sue Vranich '82  
Sue Westover '84  
Vacant  
SAN DIEGO, CA Julie Finora McAfee '93  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Dave Telep '96  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CT Marco Pace '93  
HARTFORD, CT Michael Garsney '93  
DENVER, CO Bob Emmett '98  
WASHINGTON, DC DJ Cannava '90  
MIAMI, FL Christopher K. Heaslip '86  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA Anthony '98 and Carrie Conti '98  
CENTRAL FLORIDA Michael DiForio '98  
PALM BEACH, FL Richard Ewing '98  
SARASOTA, FL William F. Hackett '66  
TAMPA BAY, FL Cam Van Noord '76  
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CHICAGO, IL Charles Rego '92  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN Stephen E. Ferrucci '87, JD '90  
BALTIMORE, MD Vacant  
PORTLAND, ME Kenneth D. Pierce '79  
BOSTON, MA John R. Craven '96  
Kimberly O'Neil '97

CAPE COD, MA Matthew Flaherty '53  
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS Robert T. Crowley, Jr. '70  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN Roshan Rajkumar '95  
ST. LOUIS, MO Jack Stapleton '78  
CHARLOTTE, NC Christopher Kubala '93, MBA '00  
MANCHESTER, NH Vin Wengers '67  
NEW JERSEY Michael Nyklewicz '86  
NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK Nancy Spadaro Bielawa '85  
NEW YORK, NY Dineen Riviezzo '89  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY R. Michael Wirin '89  
CLEVELAND, OH Stephen Prostano '79  
PHILADELPHIA, PA Renee Gorski Morgan '97  
NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK John G. Sherlock '87  
NEW YORK, NY Brian '92 and Suzi Walters '92  
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA Matthew McConnell '98  
RHODE ISLAND Vacant  
SOUTH CAROLINA Christine M. Horstman '92  
DALLAS, TX Vacant  
VIRGINIA Arnold Sookram '91  
SEATTLE, WA Andrew G. Docktor '86  
WISCONSIN Darryl Coates '00  
GREAT BRITAIN Dave Krupinski '88  
GREECE

# IN MEMORIAM

<b>1932</b>	Hubert F. Cunniff, SJ.....01/05
	James C. Donovan .....02/05
<b>1934</b>	
	William J. Joyce.....03/05
	Robert J. Sullivan, SJ .....01/05
	Albert C. Williamson.....03/05
<b>1935</b>	
	Eli J. Darveau .....12/04
	Charles C. Gentile .....01/05
	William T. Harrington.....03/05
	John I. Vaughan .....02/05
<b>1940</b>	
	Robert F. O'Malley .....02/05
	Edward J. Twomey .....12/04
<b>1942</b>	
	William N. Gaine .....02/05
	Joseph Agnes Hohmann, SCH .....02/05
	James F. Stanton .....03/05
<b>1943</b>	
	James F. Considine.....02/05
	Thomas Heath, OP .....01/05
<b>1944</b>	
	James H. Dunphy, Jr. ....01/05
<b>1947</b>	
	Edward A. Burbank, Jr. ....01/05
<b>1948</b>	
	Edward J. McMorrow .....03/05
<b>1949</b>	
	William H. Flaherty, Jr. ....01/05
	Francis R. Gaw, Jr. .....03/05
<b>1950</b>	
	Thomas W. Barry .....02/05
	Mark P. Brash.....02/05
	Francis P. Mahan.....03/05
	Edward J. Martin .....02/05
	Robert A. Muldoon.....12/04
	Arthur F. Ohrenberger .....02/05
	Rev. Gilbert Phinn.....02/05
	Florence Powers .....03/05
	Lawrence M. Sylvia .....11/04
<b>1951</b>	
	Donald P. Ahearn .....01/05
	Walter J. Casey, Jr. ....01/05
	Robert L. Castagnola.....01/05
	Paul V. Dullea .....12/04
	William Grady .....01/05
	Gerald J. McCarty .....03/05
	James M. O'Donnell.....01/05
	William W. Shine .....02/05
<b>1952</b>	
	Charles P. H. Carroll.....03/05
	Renald A. Cote .....12/04
	Paul D. Daly .....03/05
	John F. Donahue .....03/05
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## Erratum

Jean Cantwell-Doherty '77 was incorrectly listed as deceased in the Winter 2005 issue.

We sincerely regret the error.

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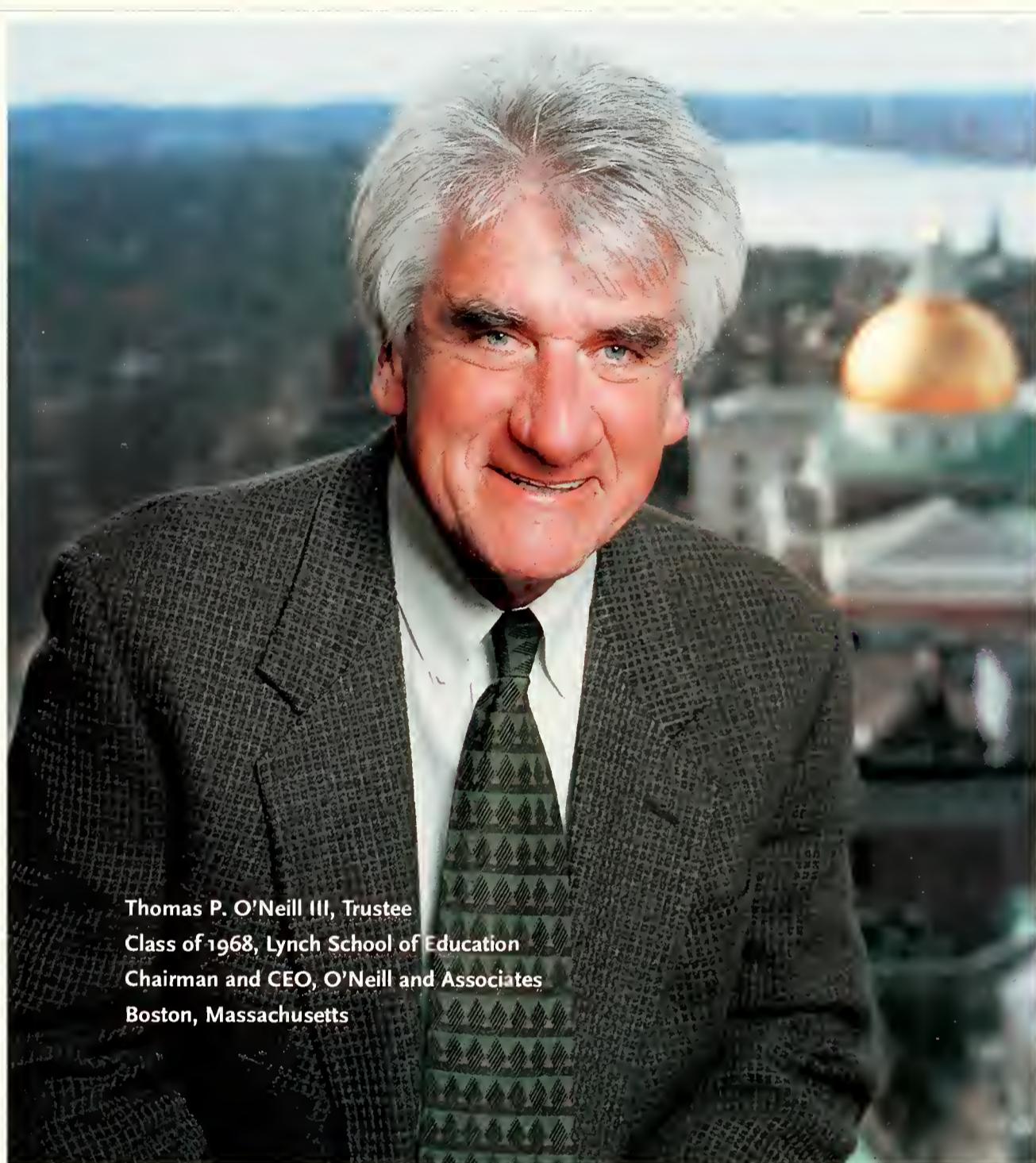
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### FAVORITE MEMORY OF BC?

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city. "After the crisis had passed," Frances Fitzgerald wrote, "the people of Saigon rarely spoke of the Diem regime again. There was nothing more to be said."

Thus ended America's nine-year attempt to turn Ngo Dinh Diem into a popular leader capable of posing a non-communist alternative to North Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh. The Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations had invested billions of dollars in Diem in the conviction that he, and he alone, represented South Vietnam's best hope for national survival. A slew of American political advisors had traveled to Saigon to assist Diem in everything from public relations to constitution writing; American military advisors had trained South Vietnam's armed forces to resist communist insurgencies and any neutralist threat to Diem's paramountcy; mainstream American newspapers and magazines had touted Diem as the "Tough Miracle Man of Vietnam" (*Life* maga-

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zine) and "a man history may yet adjudge as one of the great figures of the 20th century" (*New York Times*). For almost a decade, American policy makers adhered to a strategy that the journalist Homer Bigart caustically dubbed "sink or swim with Ngo Dinh Diem." But after the drama of the Diem era played itself out, all the United States had to show for nearly a decade of support were a whopping list of expenditures and a South Vietnamese republic in greater chaos than it had been in during the tempestuous early months of its creation.

While every historical phenomenon is subject to waves of revision and counterrevision, it would be difficult to characterize America's "sink or swim" policy as anything other than a disaster. When Diem became prime minister of South Vietnam in 1954, there were several dozen American advisors in that fledgling nation. By the time of his murder, U.S. personnel "in country" exceeded 16,000. France, the dominant Western power in Vietnam for almost a century, refused to endorse Washington's so-called Diem experiment and relinquished its former colony within months of Diem's assumption of office, thereby conferring upon the United

States primary responsibility for stemming the red tide in Southeast Asia. Diem's regime marked America's crossover point from advice and support to cobelligerency in a Vietnamese civil war. The commitment to Diem was the essential precondition for the ensuing measures that led to the defeat and humiliation of the United States.

Vietnam War historians usually ascribe this fateful partnership to the regnant anticommunist ethos of the American cold war and the anonymity of most Saigon politicians. Diem's virulent anticommunism, so the argument goes, made him the logical free-world proxy for U.S. cold warriors seeking to quarantine Soviet and Chinese influence north of Vietnam's 17th parallel, especially since Washington was unaware of any credible rivals for the South Vietnamese premiership. Yet as the record of administrative deliberations in the mid-1950s makes plain, several popular, qualified, and irreproachably anticommunist politicians in Saigon presented attractive alternatives to Diem, and every member of President Dwight Eisenhower's policy-making coterie was aware of their existence; indeed, one aspirant, the former defense minister Phan Huy Quat, came close to unseating Diem, as J. Lawton Collins, Eisenhower's special representative in Vietnam, relentlessly badgered Washington to effect such a change in command. Other suitable candidates included the foreign affairs minister Tran Van Do and General Nguyen Van Hinh. These men had all established their anticommunism, and all had greater political experience than Diem. Yet none was able to secure the backing of the Eisenhower administration.

Moreover, the contention that Diem initially governed South Vietnam as a liberal reformer and became an autocrat only in the final months of his reign—a narrative that the Kennedy and Johnson administrations promulgated in the early to mid-1960s—is simply false. Evaluations composed by American observers during Diem's first days in office identified the very same qualities that would bring about his assassination nine years later: discrimination against non-Catholics, refusal to share power, and easy resort to violence to quell dissent. Diem never pretended to be anything other than what he was, and he never changed.

Traditional explanations cannot account for the launching of the Diem experiment by men who, on the face of it, ought to have known better. The 1954 Geneva Accords that came out of multilateral peace talks on the Indochina War allowed the United States only two years in which to build up its Vietnamese candidate into a figure capable of challenging Ho Chi Minh in a nationwide election. Why did Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles gamble on a devout Catholic in a country 90 percent Buddhist? Why stake America's future in Southeast Asia on an individual temperamentally lacking in the flexibility necessary to deal with the problems he confronted? Why, to paraphrase the historian Barbara Tuchman, would intelligent statesmen

behave in a manner so contrary to the way reason pointed and enlightened self-interest suggested? In an after-dinner talk to a gathering of State Department officials on April 11, 1955, Dulles laid bare the fundamentally religious beliefs and values that drove his policy.

**DULLES BEGAN HIS REMARKS BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE** infinite complexity of the modern world. "There is hardly any international problem which lends itself to easy or sure solution," he declared. "I have the impression that, in the days before the world became so unified, it was easier to take decisions. The issues were, or seemed to be, simple. . . . Today, almost every problem has many complications." He noted that traditional geographical concepts like the nation-state had "lost much of their former forbidding significance" as a result of global information technology, near-instant communications, and air power. Many people did "not want to be contained by the lines which statesmen have drawn," he said, and he offered two examples:

In Korea, the 38th parallel became famous as a line between the free and communist-dominated parts of Korea. But the line did not demarcate the hopes and aspirations of the people. I recall being in Korea in June 1950 and addressing at Seoul a religious gathering of thousands of refugees. They had fled from the North and crossed the parallel to the South in the hope of finding the freedom of religion which they cherished. In Viet-Nam a line was drawn at the 17th parallel. But hundreds of thousands of refugees have crossed it, fleeing to the South. Again, the driving force was a longing for religious freedom.

To Dulles, these were vivid demonstrations that in the cold war the old "geographical solutions rarely coincide with human solutions."

Some policy makers, Dulles observed, were defeated by the volume of information they felt obliged to master. Their effort to see all sides of a problem before acting tended to "deprive decisions of the dynamic quality which is needed to make them effective. The mainspring of action is a sense of certainty. Unhappily, those who are best informed are often deprived of that satisfaction."

How was a geopolitician to overcome the paralysis brought on by information overload? Dulles's solution could not have been farther removed from the unsentimental realism normally attributed to statesmen of his generation. "The great deeds of history," he argued, "were wrought primarily by men with deep conviction and dynamic faith. They were sure that they were right. It seems today that sureness can be dependably found only in the spiritual realm." If policy makers were to avoid inhibitive anomie, Dulles—son of a Presbyterian minister and the most unapologetically religious man to superintend America's foreign policy since Woodrow Wilson—c counseled them to set

their sights on a higher goal than "immediate political expediency." Stop trying to absorb every piece of intelligence that flows into your department, he in effect advised, and remember a few maxims: "It was said by Jesus that material things will be added unto those who seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. . . . Men who feel a sense of duty to some Higher Being strive here to do His will. Because of their faith, they have power and virtue and simple wisdom." In conclusion, and without naming Ngo Dinh Diem or any other American ally, Dulles reminded his audience, "Our policies must be dependably embraced by . . . our people, who are essentially religious."

**THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN DULLES'S SPEECH—THE** mistrust of facts and data, the preference for doctrinal certainty—were those of a Savonarola, not a Metternich. Dulles spent much of April 11 prior to delivering his address opposing Special Representative Collins's campaign to strip Diem of office, going so far as to obstruct transmission of a presidential message authorizing the appointment of a new South Vietnamese premier. In conniving to rescue Diem, Dulles may, to appropriate his own phraseology, be said to have cast America's lot with "faith" against "facts."

Dulles had never encountered a more alien state of affairs than the wars-within-wars maelstrom that raged in South Vietnam in 1954–55. He could not begin to fathom this cauldron of competing ethnic, economic, and political groups. That Diem was a Christian and his rivals were not proved to be the organizing principle for the secretary and for other policy makers who seized upon that distinction to solve the riddle of Vietnam. Phan Huy Quat and Tran Van Do may have been more seasoned politicians than Diem, but they were also Buddhists, and American ethnocentrism linked that faith to certain assumed traits, including passivity, impracticality, and cowardice.

A U.S. secretary of state makes dozens of speeches a year; unless he or she is proposing a Marshall Plan, threatening "massive retaliation," or announcing "peace is at hand," the orations are soon forgotten. But if one is willing to allow that religion, shaping as it does the deepest values of life, might play some part in shaping policy, then what Dulles said to his audience of fellow policy makers—after a day of struggling to shore up American support for Diem—may have been the most revealing articulation of his ideological frame of reference ever set down, and the implications for the study of foreign policy are profound.

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# THE NATURAL

*On April 29, James Balog '74 received the BC Arts Council's third annual Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement. The honor coincided with an exhibit of Balog's work at the McMullen Museum of Art, drawn from his acclaimed 2004 series of photomosaics, Tree: A New Vision of the American Forest.*

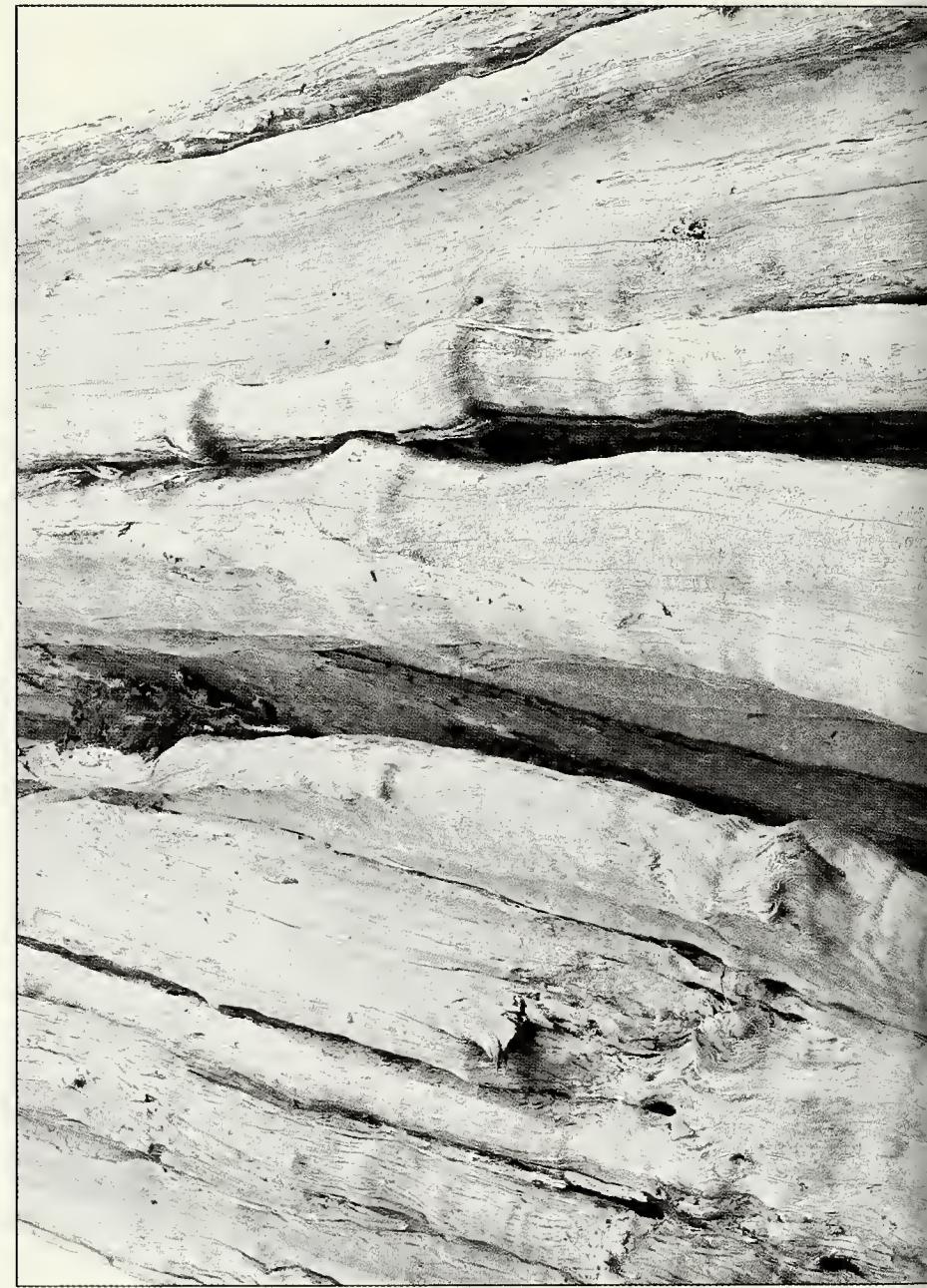
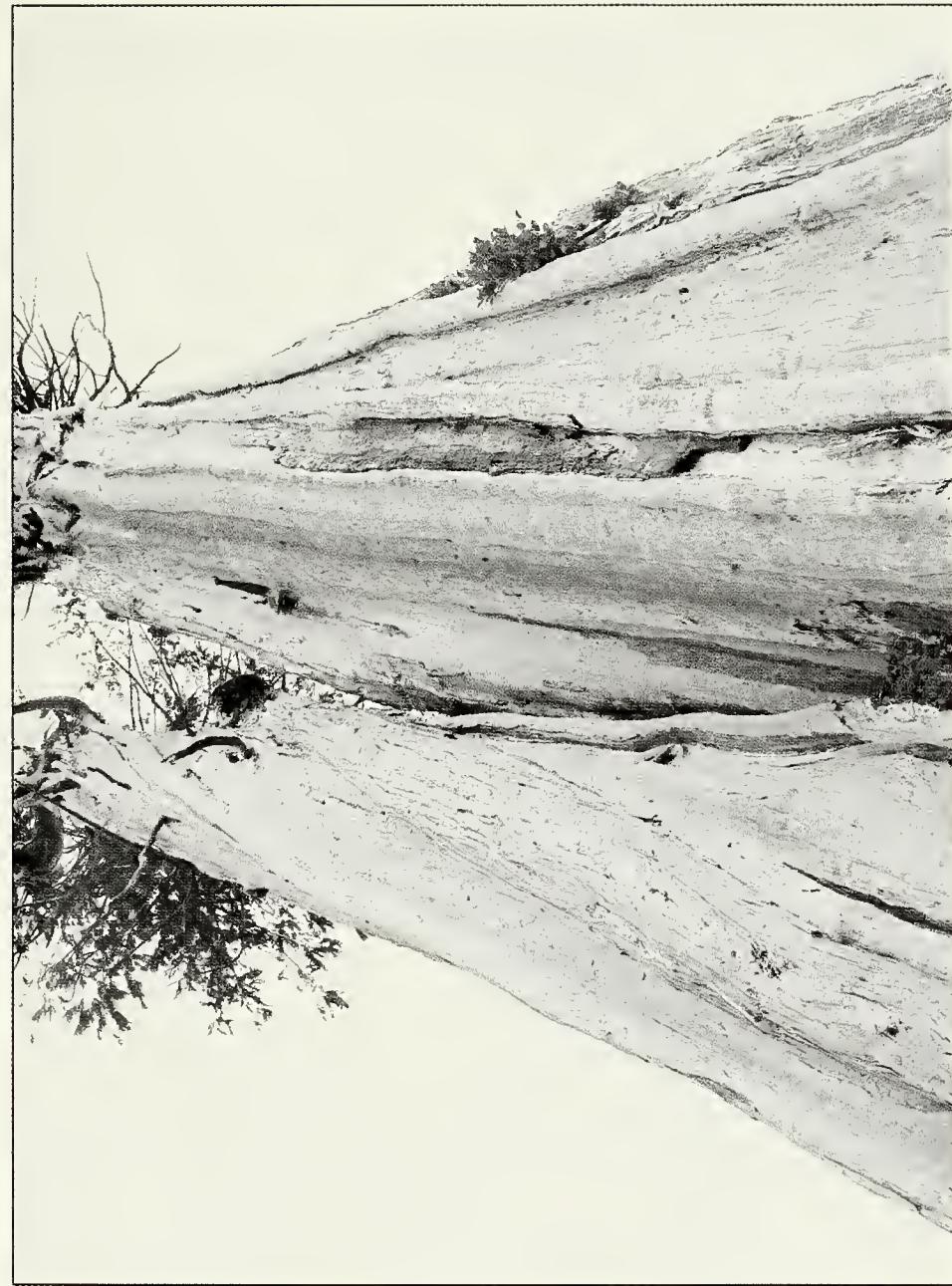
*Balog grew up in western New Jersey, "part of the first wave of suburbanization," he said in a Master Series interview on NikonNet. He took filmmaking courses at BC and an occasional photography workshop elsewhere, but considers himself essentially self-taught. A mountain climber and outdoorsman, Balog has shot on assignment for National Geographic, Time, Smithsonian, Audubon, Outside, Geo, Paris-Match, and Stern. In 1996, he became the first photographer to be awarded a commission for a plate of stamps by the U.S. Postal Service. The series depicted 15 endangered species and was inspired by his 1990 book Survivors: A New Vision of Endangered Wildlife.*

*In his studies of animals and landscapes, Balog takes issue with those who seek to convey "the pure wilderness experience" in pictures. "I'm not going to try and pretend that a human being doesn't exist in the interaction between photographer and subject," he says. And so his wild animal shots are mostly portraits, often taken in a studio, individualistic and startling in their isolation from nature. For Tree, Balog sought out the "largest, oldest, strongest trees in the United States," a six-year quest that took him from the Wye Oak (c. 1500-2002) on Maryland's Eastern Shore to the West Coast redwood Stratosphere Giant, at 369 feet the world's tallest tree. To produce images that admit to human encroachment on the landscape, Balog took inspiration from cubism and the photographic mosaics of David Hockney. To get the shots, he sometimes relied on his mountaineering skills to scale a neighboring tree.*

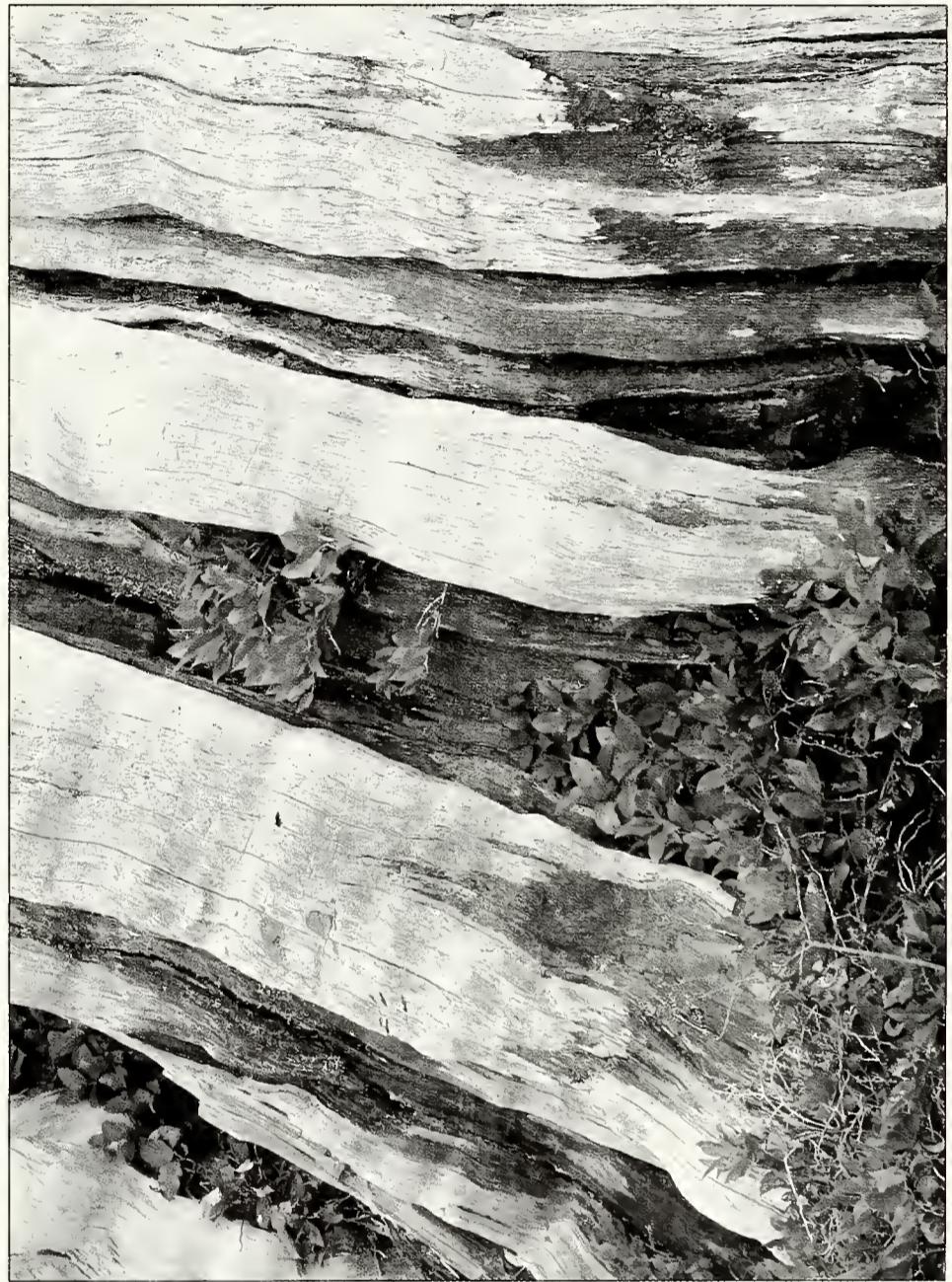
*The McMullen exhibit runs through July 12.*

OPPOSITE: Yellow poplar, *Liriodendron tulipifera*, Great Smoky Mountains, North Carolina

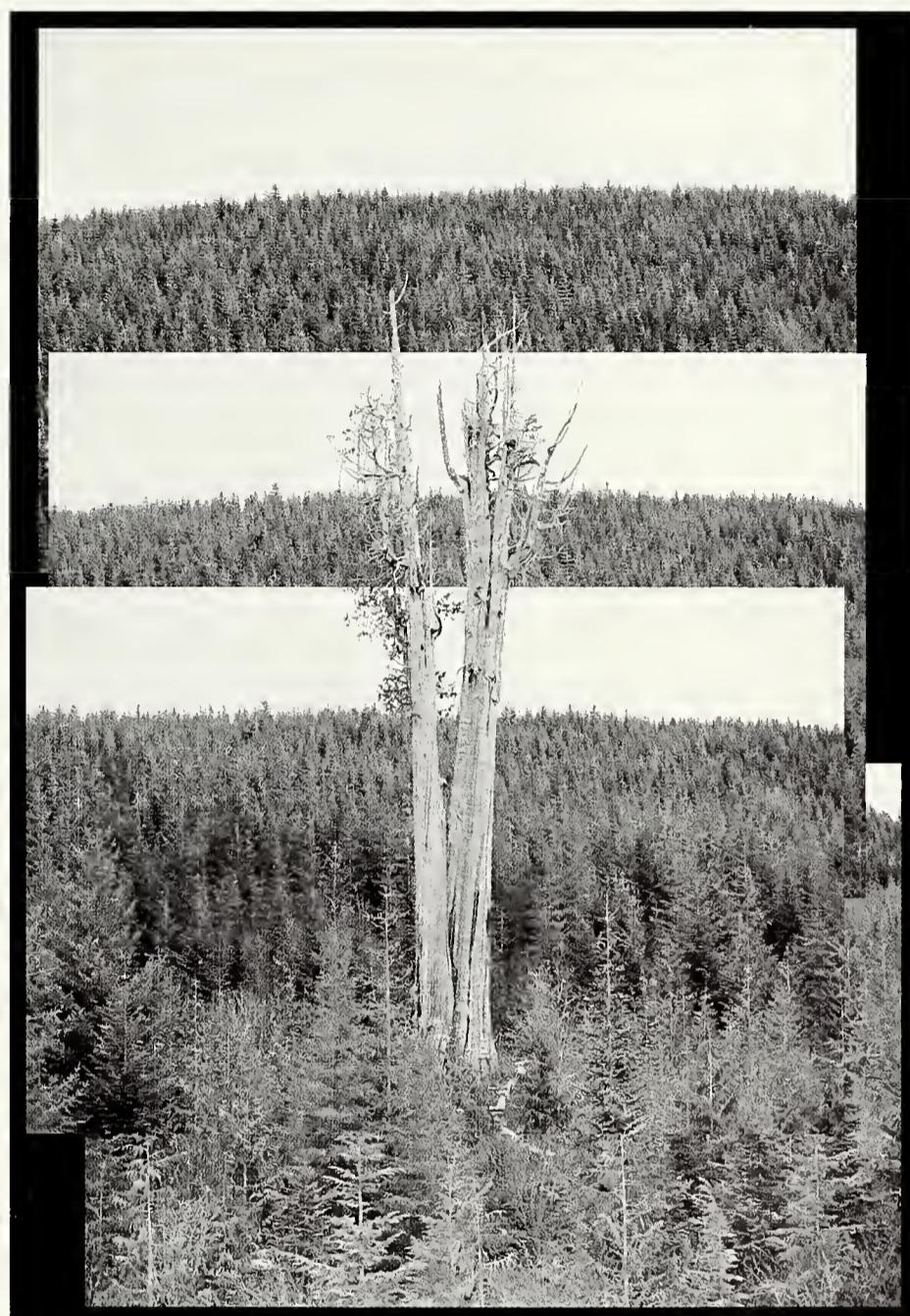




Western redcedar, "Nolan Creek Cedar," Olympic Peninsula, Washington







OPPOSITE: Joshua tree, *Yucca brevifolia*, Mojave, California; ABOVE: Western redcedar, *Thuja plicata*, "Nolan Creek Cedar," Olympic Peninsula, Washington



Live oak, the "Angel Oak," Johns Island, South Carolina



# WHOSE LIFE?

On March 31, a young Florida woman, Terri Schiavo, died after surviving 15 years in a persistent vegetative state and 13 days without nourishment or water. Amid the cacophony of voices and arguments surrounding her husband's decision to withdraw nutritional support, the Catholic Church's teaching on the subject—nuanced and more concerned with personal liberty than some might expect—was often drowned out. On the night of the day Schiavo died, three Boston College theologians and a Jesuit physician spoke about end-of-life issues in Catholic thought, in a panel sponsored by the theology department.

## A 400-YEAR-OLD LOGIC

*By James Keenan, SJ*

Most of the cases about end-of-life issues that have been adjudicated in the United States have involved Roman Catholics. Karen Ann Quinlan, a Catholic, was removed from a ventilator in New Jersey in 1976. The fact that she was Catholic contributed to the reasoning for taking her off the ventilator. Nancy Cruzan was taken off hydration and nutrition in Missouri in 1990, an act backed by her pastor and by Catholic argument. Paul Brophy in Massachusetts and Brother Joseph Fox in New York are similar examples. Unlike some religious traditions, Catholicism has a deep and clear teaching that extraordinary means of maintaining

life may be omitted if the patient or the family finds these means to be too burdensome as a person faces death.

The tradition took root in the 16th century with the Council of Trent, convened to shore up Church doctrine and teaching in response to Protestantism. Out of the council came the field of moral theology; the Church began to develop moral manuals to form priests and provide consistent moral direction. It was through moral theology that the Church worked out its teaching on sanctity of life—that there can be no direct killing of the innocent. Because Catholicism has this long-articulated teaching, its position

on the use of extraordinary means to prolong life (and on just war and self-defense) is well developed.

The concept of burden is key in Catholic tradition. In the 16th century, even before the moral manuals were written, theologians were asking whether a person of faith needed to pursue life-saving surgery if, for example, the cost would put him and his family on the street. Now we raise questions about ventilators. Can you take a person off of a ventilator? Can a ventilator constitute a burden? What about antibiotics? I worked as an ethicist at the Foundling Hospital in New York, where we would talk about which procedures might be burdensome for a young infant clinging to life but also dying.

In 1980, the U.S. bishops began a protracted discussion about hydration and nutrition. It went on until about 1992, and it was marked by regional differences. The bishops of New Jersey, through their state Catholic Conference, said: Remove hydration and nutrition? You might as well starve the patient to death. The Pennsylvania bishops made a similar statement. The bishops from the states of Washington and Oregon, on the other hand, said that a patient in a persistent vegetative state (PVS) or a patient who is in a burdensome situation had a right to the removal of hydration and nutrition. In Texas, 13 bishops took a similar position, while the remaining three were opposed.

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Then, from 1989 to 1995, the U.S. bishops worked to compose guidelines for Catholic health care, which they published as the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*. Broad in scope, the guidelines consist of 72 directives, covering topics ranging from “the professional-patient relationship” to “issues in care for the beginning of life” to “issues in care for the dying.” On the matter of extraordinary means and reasonable burden, three directives in particular apply. To some extent, they have come to be relied on by people from other faith communities also. They adhere to a logic and teaching that is 400, even 500 years old:

Directive 56: “A person has a moral obligation to use ordinary or proportionate means of preserving his or her life. Proportionate means are those that in the judgment of the patient offer a reasonable hope of benefit and do not entail an excessive burden or impose excessive expense on the family or the community.”

Directive 57: “A person may forego extraordinary or disproportionate means of preserving life. Disproportionate means are those that in the patient’s judgment do not offer a reasonable hope of benefit or entail an excessive burden, or impose excessive expense on the family or the community.”

Directive 58: “There should be a presumption in favor of providing nutrition and hydration to all patients, including

patients who require medically assisted nutrition and hydration, as long as this is of sufficient benefit to outweigh the burdens involved to the patient.”

When the bishops took up whether to vote on this set of directives in 1995, there was only one query. It was: Does directive 58 leave the question of hydration and nutrition open? It was asked by Bishop Joseph Fiorenza of Texas. And he directed the question to Bishop Alfred Hughes of Baton Rouge (formerly of Boston, now archbishop of New Orleans), who chaired the committee that worked for six years on the directives. Hughes answered: It does. Fiorenza turned to his fellow bishops and called for a full vote. The bishops endorsed the directives unanimously.

It is directive 58 that substantiated the position of taking Terri Schiavo off life support. In the United States, this directive remains in force, and no known statement from the Vatican has been made requiring the American bishops to amend this teaching. On the contrary, directive 58, like the other directives, was approved by the Vatican.

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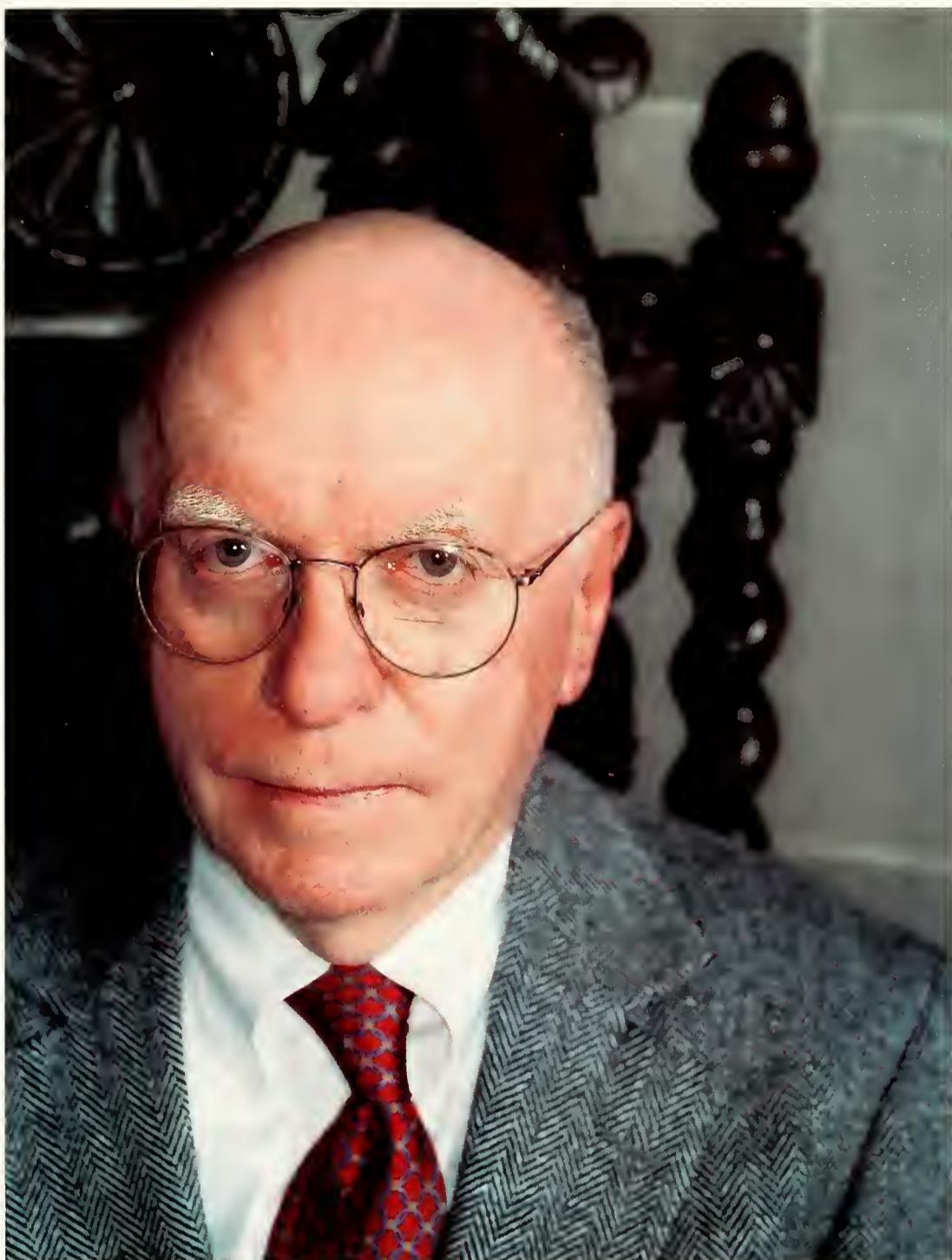
## IN LAW, AS IN THEOLOGY

By John J. Paris, SJ

Clarence Herbert went to a California hospital in 1981 for a simple ileostomy closure. While in the recovery room, he had a cardiac arrest. By the time he was resuscitated, he had suffered such anoxic damage that the doctors were convinced he would never regain consciousness. Prior to surgery, he had said to his family: “If anything goes wrong, I don’t want to be another Karen Ann Quinlan.” (Quinlan at that time had been maintained with artificial nutrition and hydration in an unconscious condition for more than six years, after being removed from a ventilator. She would continue to live for another four.) At the request of Herbert’s family, his ventilator was removed, but Herbert breathed on his own. He had become precisely what he had stated he did not want to be: an unconscious patient who could be sustained in that condition for years. A few days later as a nurse was putting potassium into his IV line, one of Herbert’s sons told her: “We don’t want any life-prolonging treatments.”

Dr. Neil Barber talked with the family and at their request ordered the IV withdrawn. Six days later Clarence Herbert died. A nurse went to the district attorney with the following questions: “Isn’t food and water ordinary means? And isn’t every patient entitled to ordinary care?” The district attorney believed that Herbert’s physicians had starved him to death and brought a murder indictment against the surgeon, Robert Nedjl, as well as Dr. Barber.

The issues explored in the Los Angeles district court, and then at the California Court of Appeals in *Barber v. Superior Court*, are the ones John Paul II addressed in a March 20, 2004, speech on care of patients in a persistent vegetative condition. The pope said, “The administration of water and food, even when provided by artificial means, always represents a natural means of preserving life, not a medical act . . . and as such is morally obligatory.” But is the provision of artificial nutrition and fluid always ordinary means or is it



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since Herbert had declared he would not want medical interventions to sustain him in an unconscious state, he had no obligation to undergo them; thus, the physician had no duty to provide them. The court ruled that the “benefits and burdens [of medical nutrition and hydration] ought to be evaluated in the same manner as any other medical procedure,” i.e., on “whether the proposed treatment is proportionate or disproportionate in terms of the benefits to be gained versus the burdens caused.” It found the removal of Herbert’s feeding tube was not “murder” but an acceptable medical practice.

I LEARNED about death from my grandmother. When I was six years old, my grandfather was dying and so my grandmother brought the family in to kiss him goodbye, because now he was going to heaven. With all of us gathered at Grandpa’s bedside, a priest came to the house to administer the Last Rites as preparation for his going home to God.

Several years later, I observed how my grandmother took care of an elderly sister, Aunt Moll, after she had a stroke. Nana bathed her, read to her, and fed her. As Aunt Moll grew weaker, Nana gave her sips of soup. As she grew weaker still, little sips of tea. If into that scene had come a doctor who said, “Mrs. Nolan, we can take this simple flexible tube and put it right down Aunt Moll’s nose and feed her Isocal”—

what would my grandmother have said? She’d have said, “Glory be to God, Doctor, have you lost your senses? The poor woman’s dying.” Then she’d ask the right question: “And what is your tube going to do for that?”

Did my grandmother starve her sister to death out of ignorance or malice? Neither. She understood that Aunt Moll’s earthly journey was ending and God was at last calling her home. And who are we to impede God’s plan?

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sometimes extraordinary? The difficulty with the question is partly one of language. We tend to think of “extraordinary means” as exotic technology. Yet in moral theology and bioethics, the term refers not to technique but to moral obligation. The issue is: What are you obliged to do to act ethically?

The California Court of Appeals dismissal of the murder charges against the physicians reads much like the Vatican’s 1980 *Declaration on Euthanasia*. Was Clarence Herbert obliged to undergo this treatment? An assessment had to be made of the proportionate benefit and burden that the patient himself would feel from it. Did Herbert speak to the issue? Yes he did. He said, “I don’t want it.” In the court’s view,

**IS THE PROVISION OF ARTIFICIAL NUTRITION AND FLUID ALWAYS ORDINARY MEANS, OR IS IT SOMETIMES EXTRAORDINARY?** —JOHN J. PARIS, SJ

## THE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

By Jon D. Fuller MD, SJ

Medical experts consistently held to a diagnosis for Terri Schiavo of persistent vegetative state (PVS). In this condition, the higher functions of thought, memory, imagination, speech, pain sensation, and voluntary motor movement were lost, as a result of destruction of the cerebral cortex. The midbrain and brain stem, which regulate so-called "vegetative" or maintenance functions such as blood pressure, temperature, breathing, and heart rate, continued to function, explaining how this patient was able to survive for 15 years as long as she received artificial nutrition and hydration.

The prognosis for PVS depends to some degree on the cause. In Schiavo's case, damage resulted from a loss of oxygen due to decreased blood flow. The American Academy of Neurology, in an oft-cited report on the care of PVS patients by its Ethics and Humanities Subcommittee, holds that in such circumstances a diagnosis of PVS "can usually be made with a high degree of medical certainty . . . after a period of one to three months." Published in 1989 in the journal *Neurology*, the academy's position remains unchanged.

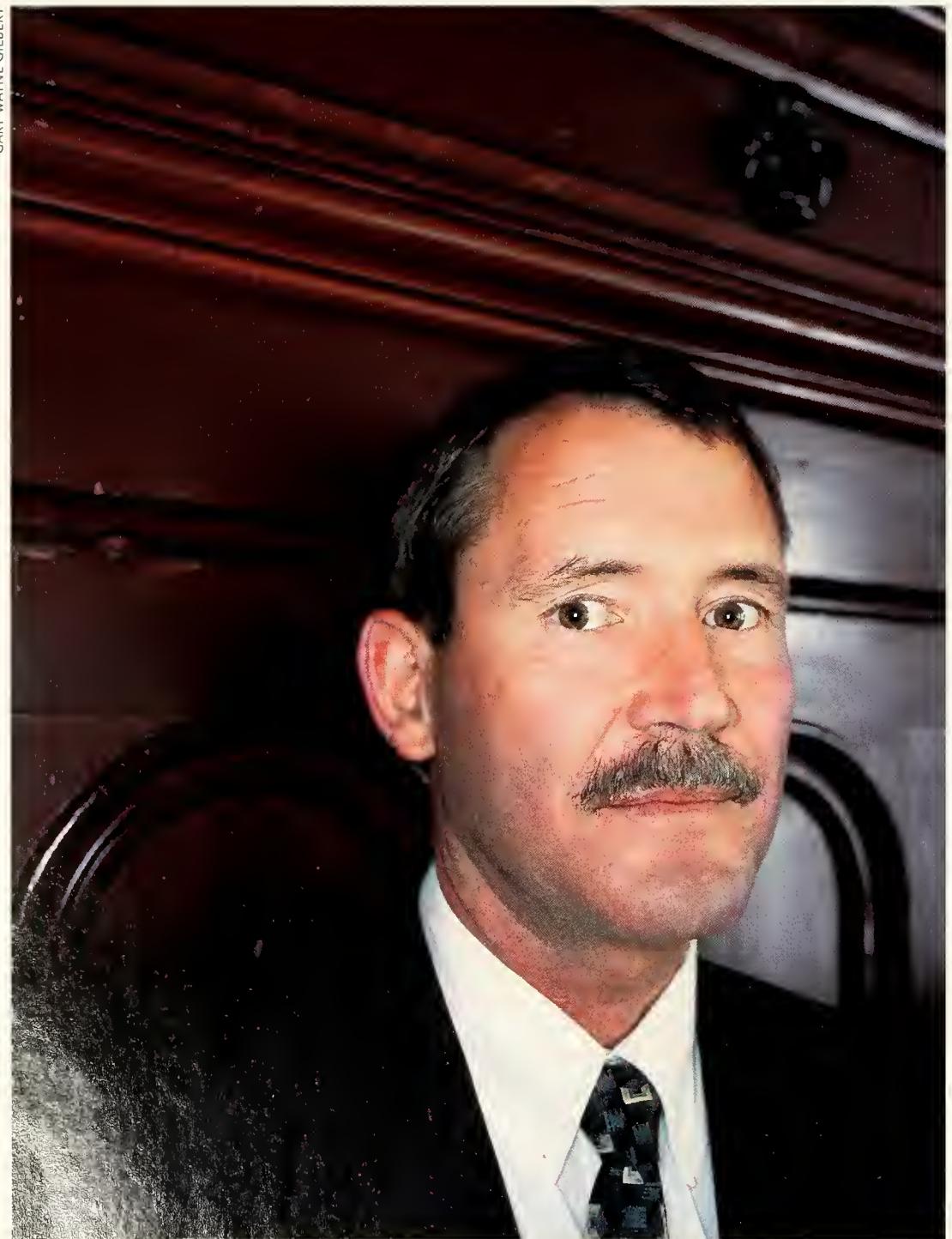
Because a diagnosis of PVS requires the passage of time for the condition to be viewed as "reliably permanent," it is

"appropriate," says the academy, that physicians be "aggressive" in providing nutrition and hydration for as long as it takes the patient's diagnosis to be clarified. However, once a diagnosis of PVS is established, the academy maintains that "medical provision of artificial nutrition and hydration [offers] no benefit." Moreover, as with all medical interventions, when a treatment "fails to promote the patient's well-being, there is no longer an ethical obligation to provide it."

The academy's position is that there is no "major medical or ethical distinction between the withholding and withdrawal of medical treatment." To believe otherwise "belies common sense and good medical practice." But the subcommittee's report acknowledges that it may take family members some time to accept the diagnosis and prognosis of PVS. Clinical experience also teaches this. From a psychological point of view, withdrawing a treatment can be more difficult for loved ones than never offering a therapy in the first place.

With this understanding, what then is appropriate end-of-life therapy for a patient with PVS? Over the last several decades, caregivers in the United States have increasingly focused on hospice care, whether provided in an institution (as in Schiavo's case) or in the home. The focus is on comfort, attending to such concerns as preventing bedsores. When patients

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can no longer swallow, hydration and nutrition are usually not offered—I have not seen these employed during 22 years of hospice work. Clinical experience suggests that such patients do not experience discomfort from dehydration or from lack of nutrition.

THE TREMENDOUS pressure applied to maintain artificial nutrition and hydration for Terri Schiavo is cause for concern. I fear that we have become so skilled at offering technological interventions to extend life that we have now become adorers and worshippers at the altar of biologism, desiring to extend life no matter the quality of that life or the burden of that care. We seem to be losing the capacity to acknowledge death as a friend, as a natural part of our lives, about which there's nothing wrong or shameful.

I've often thought about the capacity that humans have

had for tens of thousands of years to attend to their dying loved ones, and one criterion that makes sense to me for what is appropriate care at the end of life is this: What can you do in a cave? In a cave you can hold people, you can rock them, you can sing to them, you can bathe them, you can provide care to prevent drying of the mouth and lips, and you can give pain medications that do not have to be swallowed. These are wonderful things. It would be a tremendous loss to the human community were we not to allow death to be viewed by our families as a wholesome experience and as an integral part of our lives, because it is all of our futures.

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## JUDGMENT CALL

*By Lisa Sowle Cabill*

Is life when it is prolonged in a persistent vegetative state a benefit, or is it a burden?

Instead of addressing that fundamental question directly, we have chosen in this country to focus on the means—are the means natural, say, or artificial? High-tech or low-tech? And that's not really the issue. We can't settle the question by classifying the intervention. So how do we do it? For me, the Church document that most clearly defines the issue is the Vatican *Declaration on Euthanasia*, published in 1980. It forms the basis of subsequent Catholic ethical and religious directives, and it has never been retracted; it remains the operative document. The declaration says:

"One cannot impose on anyone the obligation to have recourse to a technique which is already in use but which carries a risk or is burdensome. Such a refusal is not the equivalent of suicide; on the contrary, it should be considered as an acceptance of the human condition, or a wish to avoid the application of a medical procedure disproportionate to the results that can be expected, or a desire not to impose excessive expense on the family or the community."

There it is. When the natural function of the person can no longer supply the basic requirements of survival, the question is, do you use an artificial means to supply

them? And the answer is, only if it's not burdensome and it's useful.

The best interest of the patient should control this decision. It was arguable in the case of Terri Schiavo that taking away her feeding tube, under the condition of long-abiding PVS, was in her best interest, that to be maintained alive in her state was burdensome. It was a judgment call, and I ask us all to reflect, in our own lives and for our own families, on the decisions we would be open to.

Who should decide? The Catholic tradition says it should be the patient first, in consultation with family and medical providers. The biggest tragedy in Terri Schiavo's case was that those around her became so divided. The first substitute for the patient, if she hasn't left a clear indication, is her next of kin, her spouse. Of course, in Schiavo's case, the parents were very involved in her care. It is too bad that they weren't able to accept their role or to agree with the husband and reach some sort of mediation. Perhaps more or better pastoral care and counseling would have helped.

There's an idea—more present in law and public discourse than in ethics—that the patient's choice trumps all. Two problems arise from that perspective: You don't always get a clear indication of a choice. And sometimes people



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therefore mandatory. Blurring the distinction between what's extraordinary and what is not has led, I think, to a phenomenon we're beginning to see now, which is a backlash movement in favor of physician-assisted suicide. People are losing trust that when they get into a terminal circumstance a reasonable decision will be made for them.

They fear being left on artificial nutrition forever.

On the other side—among those who consider use of feeding tubes inappropriate when a patient will never regain consciousness—there are dangers too. There is a valid fear of a utilitarian approach that could lead to discounting the worth and interests of individuals who can't speak up for themselves. This has come out in the way people in the disability rights movement have jumped into the public debate over Terri Schiavo to say they were not comfortable with the denial of what they considered ordinary care to this woman.

If we defend taking away the feeding tube, it cannot be because the quality of the patient's life isn't regarded as productive or socially useful. It has to be on the basis of her best interest. Is her welfare really served by continuing in this condition?

There's a final danger that I will mention. Both sides fixate on whether to provide high-tech medical care, which normalizes it as a way to handle illness and death. We're forgetting the 45 million

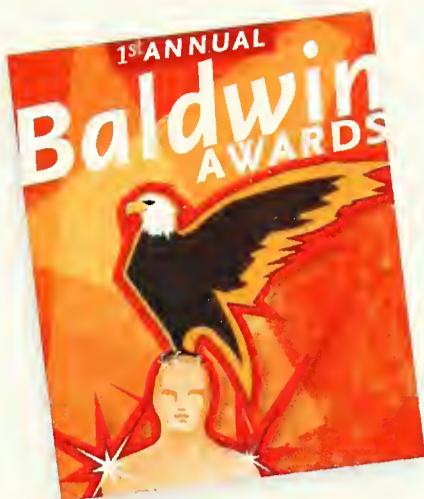
people in this country with no health insurance; we're forgetting people in other parts of the world who don't have even basic medical care; we're forgetting about our national obligation, which we've not met, to the global fund to fight AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis. What is the bigger picture for health resources and humane care? The dangers as we focus on end-of-life issues are not necessarily the ones that we immediately perceive.

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make horrible choices. They place unreasonable demands on medical personnel, or they refuse to undergo treatment—a feeding tube, a ventilator—that would do them good if they submitted to it for a short time. Catholic tradition has always allowed for the judgment call. The question is, what is in a patient's best interests, objectively speaking—as far as we can ascertain that—taking into account indications that she may have given? A living will is relevant, but it's not definitive.

DANGERS LIE IN all directions. Among conservatives, there's a misconception that we can protect life best by simply saying that all means of care that can prolong life, no matter what a patient's condition, are ordinary means and

**A LIVING WILL IS RELEVANT, BUT IT'S NOT DEFINITIVE.** —LISA SOWLE CAHILL



# A NIGHT AT THE BALDWINS

**STUDENT FILMMAKERS GET THEIR REWARD**

BY CARA FEINBERG

BOSTON COLLEGE'S FIRST-EVER BALDWIN FILM Awards, bestowed on the night of March 18, 2005, featured klieg lights, paparazzi, and a red carpet rolled out between the snow banks on the stone terrace before Corcoran Commons. There were golden statuettes (eagle-shaped), a pit band to introduce (and cut short) acceptance speeches, and, from celebrity award presenters (BC faculty, mostly, and staff), a steady stream of scripted jokes and spontaneous humor. "The evening was an excellent way to honor student filmmakers—

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Director Daniel DeStefano '07 and guest, Sonya Cooke; Hello . . . Shovelhead's Tom Ganjamie '06; the coveted Baldwins

and embarrass faculty," said Mike Civille, the assistant film professor who, as the master of ceremonies in a dark suit and power tie, obligingly delivered the most punch lines and shed the most dignity.

Sponsored by @BC, a multimedia Web production of *Boston College Magazine*, the awards, named for the University's mascot, marked the first occasion in the 20 years since BC began offering film classes that student filmmaking has been celebrated outside the confines of the fine arts and communication departments, where the craft is taught. In an interview Professor John Michalczyk, a documentary filmmaker who has taught literature, art, and film analysis at BC since 1974, explained why the time was right. "This generation of students," he said, "grew up starring in home videos, they made their own films in high school." Recalling when editing a movie was lengthy and painstaking labor ("If you made a mistake 20 minutes into the film," said Michalczyk, "you had to go back and physically recut the whole thing"), he said, "Now, with digital technology, they can cut, splice, and set their films to music right on their desktop computers, with programs like Final Cut Pro and Avid." As a result, more students are being drawn to film-

making, and in a one-semester class, they are able to produce more films. "We've gotten to a point where there is a substantial amount of really good student work," said Michalczyk. "We knew we needed to create more outlets to showcase their films."

The University launched the film studies program within the fine arts department six years ago, offering the option of a major or minor in film history or production. The program now enrolls more than 100 students, and in the last few years, according to Civille, a film community has begun to coalesce on campus—though even today there are students and faculty who are unaware of the program. "If we're lucky," Civille says, "the Baldwins will change that."

OPEN TO all BC undergraduates, the first Baldwin awards not only celebrated BC's film students, they also coaxed out talent from elsewhere on campus. The year's Best Actor, Colin Donohoe '05, is a biology and German double major; John Rafferty '05, the director whose film, *Hot or Not: One Man's Story*, won the Baldwin for Best Comedy, majors in philosophy. Rafferty's seven-minute film traces a geeky college student's quest to be chosen for a date on a website



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Dining Services' William Pertla (left) and Raphael Cairo; MC Mike Civille; Sean Conaty '06 and Julia Rosetti '05; Lulu Wang '05 and Tony Hale '05

where his attractiveness will be rated democratically. The movie stars Donohoe, who won the role, he said, by sitting in his room doing nothing: “[Rafferty] was going door-to-door, looking for actors, and no one else wanted to do it.” Donohoe’s amiable shrug of a performance was mostly ad-libbed. “I guess the film turned out pretty well,” he said a few days after the awards ceremony, though he was careful to point out that the plot was not biographical.

More than 150 student films and videos were entered in the Baldwin competition, in 12 categories ranging from theatrical (horror, drama, documentary) to technical (cinematography, editing, sound). The judges, five in all, were fine arts, communication, and English faculty. As in Hollywood, the field yielded some blockbusters: 18 films accounted for the 36 total Baldwin nominations. The finalists were declared two weeks before the awards ceremony, and the films aired on BC Cable television. Students, faculty, and staff could view the movies online and vote (only once) for their favorite. More than 400 votes were cast for the Viewers’ Choice Award, which was presented along with the Baldwins on awards night.

The awards ceremony took place on the second floor of

Corcoran Commons. The room, which seats 300, filled quickly. Attire was advertised as “creative formal,” but with the temperature hovering just above freezing, most outfits incorporated fleece or wool.

To one side of the stage was a table, upon which rested the golden eagle statuettes, heavy as paperweights. A booth at the rear of the room offered free popcorn and sodas. The sealed envelopes containing the judges’ decisions arrived with fanfare after the audience was seated—in a plastic Stop & Shop bag handcuffed to a senior University administrator’s wrist. As each nominee was announced, a corresponding film clip played on a large movie screen behind the podium. A drummer, keyboardist, and saxophone player combined for snippets of pop tunes as the winners made their way to the stage. The three had orders to launch into BC’s anthem, “For Boston,” 30 seconds into any acceptance speech. “Nobody really went over their time limit,” keyboardist Patrick Cronin ’07 complained afterwards, removing the Ray Charles sunglasses he’d worn during the show.

Cely Garcia, the petite barista from the Starbucks in McElroy Commons, and Joshua Beekman ’06, the towering right guard on BC’s football team, announced the award for



Director Harrison Wilcox '05 (*Before the Styx*, Best Picture) with his mother, Suzanne Wilcox '73, M.Ed.'77

Best Comedy. To present the Best Documentary award, Michalczyk was paired with Baldwin, the BC mascot, who, due to a last-minute wardrobe malfunction (his eagle suit was locked in a gymnasium closet), could not attend the ceremony and was replaced by a desk lamp, the base of which was a wood carving of an eagle. Richard Blake, SJ, codirector of the film program, arrived in a tuxedo and presented the Best Drama award with the sequin-gowned Barbara Hazard Munro, dean of the Connell School of Nursing. "Now, I want to make clear that I didn't write the jokes," said Blake, who delivered such groaners as this one: "What's the difference between a film graduate and a nursing graduate?" (Pause. Wait for Munro to ask, "What?") "When nursing graduates finish their residencies, it's not because their parents kicked them out of the basement."

The comedy was courtesy of joke-writers Kevin Allocca '06 and Kevin Sawyer '06, both of whom are humor columnists for the *Heights* student newspaper. The two had been invited to come up with the world's best bad jokes. "The good thing was, we had plenty of those," observed Allocca, who said they wrote their material with accompanying snare rim shots and a hiss of cymbals in mind.

"When we needed additional inspiration," he said, "we watched videos of the Oscars."

One of the duo's prize scripted moments was delivered by the Viewers' Choice presenters, Cheryl Presley, BC's vice president for student affairs, and identical twins Anthony and William Nunziata '06, well known on campus for singing on the WNBC talent show *Gimme the Mike*, and in performances with the Boston Pops, University Chorale, and BC theater productions.

*Presley:* I'm Cheryl Presley.

*Anthony:* I'm Anthony Nunziata.

*William:* Wait. I thought I was Anthony.

*Anthony:* I thought you were Will.

*William:* Really? I guess this means I've been opening your mail for you.

*Presley:* (INTERRUPTING) We've got a winner to announce here, gentlemen.

*William:* (TO ANTHONY) I'm actually relieved because, for the life of me, I could not remember subscribing to *Tiger Beat*.

*Anthony:* My magazines arrived?



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Presenters VP Cheryl Presley, Anthony (center) and William Nunziata '06; Cely Garcia and Joshua BEEKMAN '06; the winning cast of *Hello... Shovelhead*; Director Gavin McGrath '05 and Editor Megan Gargagliano '05

Allocca, a film studies major, was himself nominated for several Baldwins: twice for Best Actor in films produced by others; and in three categories for the drama *Timber Falls*, which he directed. He came up short in each case, but did not walk away empty-handed; *Skating on Thin Ice*, a film he codirected with communication major William Driscoll '05, and cowrote and costarred in with the cast of *Hello... Shovelhead*, BC's sketch-comedy troupe, took the Viewers' Choice Award. The 16-minute film was originally conceived as this year's season opener for the *Hello... Shovelhead* stage show. It manufactures the post-Olympic experiences of real-life champion speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno (played by Sean Kane '07, with a triangular soul patch painted onto his chin). The *Shovelhead* cast crowded onto the stage to receive the award. "I'd like to say that I *did* expect this," said straight-faced cast member Griffin Bach '07 (who, with a broad British accent, portrayed the unctuous curator of the National Speed-Skating Museum in the film). Dressed in a white *Shovelhead* T-shirt, grey sports jacket, and red clip-on bow tie, Bach held a Baldwin high above his head, and the crowd rose to its feet.

TO DELIVER the evening's final award, Mike Civille welcomed Michele Meek '94 onto the stage. Meek is cofounder of BuyIndies.com (which sells independent films) and NewEnglandFilm.com (a resource for local filmmakers), and she has worked as a screenwriter, director, producer, and script reader. Dressed in a diaphanous dark floral dress, she looked no older than most of the students, and the audience laughed nervously as she recounted her experiences in the film business with rejection, the threat of poverty, and uncertainty. But the tension eased as she continued: "You will also feel the late-night buzz of doing what you love. It is always worth it."

Meek encouraged aspiring filmmakers to create their own opportunities, to hold down day jobs for support, to make the most of their network of friends. "One of my BC writing teachers passed on some simple wisdom: Those of you who are still writing in 10 years will be successful at it," she said. "Don't be deterred."

The audience cheered when Meek finished speaking, and continued to clap until she held up the sealed envelope in her hand. "And the Baldwin goes to... drumroll, please?" she said, looking at the band.



The film studies program's codirectors, John Michalczyk (left) and Richard Blake, SJ, with Barbara Hazard Munro, dean of the Connell School

### “... *Before the Styx*!”

Harrison Wilcox '05, a film and history major, jumped up out of his seat, and shrieks rang from the immediate crowd around him.

THE EVENING'S two biggest winners, with three awards apiece, were *Before the Styx*, by Wilcox, and *Homesick*, by Gavin McGrath '05, a political science major. *Before the Styx*, which in addition to Best Picture received Baldwins for Drama and Screenwriting, tracks the eerie experiences of a dead man who doesn't know that he has died. The 14-minute film was shot with some "creative technology," said Wilcox. Instead of renting a jib arm or small crane to get his aerial shots, Wilcox affixed a camera to a wooden flagstaff, and then duct-taped it to his belt, steadyng it through a belt loop. For tracking shots, the crew created a dolly from an old shopping cart, using hedge clippers and a blowtorch.

McGrath went with more traditional equipment to make *Homesick*, a wordless short about a lonesome city dweller missing her rural childhood home. "Our cinematographer, Elaine Mak ['05], had a small crane we used for our aerial shots," said McGrath, who filmed most of the six-minute

movie in Newbury, Massachusetts. "We had such phenomenal landscape to work with, we were lucky to have her help."

Both McGrath and Wilcox intend to pursue their interest in film after college. "I'd like film to be an arrow in my quiver," said McGrath, who plans to one day use his skill for marketing his own business. Wilcox is more interested in turning out feature films and plans to move to Los Angeles a few days after graduation. "I hope to go to film school eventually," he said, "but ideally, I'd like to get some experience working in the industry first."

McGrath and Wilcox display their Baldwins prominently in their apartments; Wilcox's are on the mantle, McGrath's are on his desk. "I've tried to take good care of them," says McGrath, but one has already lost a beak in a freak accident. His three eagles now wear plastic motorcycle helmets, lifted from toy action figures. "They've got to stay protected," he says. After all, they are his first motion-picture awards.

*“Celluloid Dreams,” a slide show produced by @BC of highlights from the first Baldwin Awards night, can be viewed in archives at [www.bc.edu/atbc](http://www.bc.edu/atbc). The site provides links to the winning films.*

# End of an age

A PROTESTANT SCHOLAR'S LAMENT FOR THE VANISHING URBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

BY MARTIN E. MARTY

For decades solid old St. Bridget's Church that abutted the Stevenson Expressway was on my right during morning commutes. I drove the equivalent of four or five trips around the world to and from the University of Chicago with St. Bridget's at my side. Built for throngs to last for ages, it was a landmark. Then in 1992 the wrecking ball demolished it.

The destruction of an urban Catholic church is by now a familiar event, having occurred hundreds of times in the last 20 years, across the nation. The demise of such churches—brought on by demographic shifts, financial straits, and now a growing priest shortage—represents the end of an age that was marked by what one Chicago historian called “the confident Church” and Bostonians termed “the triumphant Church.” God's Church did not disappear from Chicago, Boston, or any other U.S. metropolis, but the full pride and often the swagger of Catholic city church leaders and congregants now belong to history. What happened when the old churches, in a way the soul of their neighborhoods and a pulse in their cities, disappeared? What, to the eyes of an outsider to Catholicism, has been lost?

Begin with the brute fact that in the modern metropolis, the old cityscape of steeples is regularly violated and parish neighborhoods chopped up or destroyed.

For a century the St. Bridget church building had symbolized to Chicagoans both Catholic clout and continuity. The clout was most evident in the early 1960s, when the highway builders were thwarted in their plan to simply knock down the holy obstruction. Bridget's, in the steeple-crowded Bridgeport neighborhood on the city's south side, home to generations of Catholic politicians and municipal employees, refused to budge. Since the church would not, the highway had to. Most of today's commuters never knew, and only we seniors remember, why the expressway jags near Archer and Arch. A few low buildings have replaced the church and draw little attention.

The wrecking ball has come to be as much a symbol of urban church life today as bells once were. Chicago is not alone in seeing its cityscape change. The story of closed and destroyed churches is as telling in Detroit (where 30 were closed in the 1980s alone) and Milwaukee (more than 50 closed in the waning 1990s), Buffalo and Brooklyn, and, of course, Boston. Nor was St. Bridget's by any means the

grandest of churches in Chicago, the nation's largest Catholic archdiocese in the mid-20th century. But the senior Mayor Daley, Richard J., the most powerful mayor of the century, had married “Sis” (Eleanor Guilfoyle) before its altar. From Civil War times, the parish had sponsored various asylums, orphanages, reform schools, and industrial training centers. And innumerable ceremonies under its roof had marked the most profound passages of life for thousands.

The parish community of St. Bridget's began to lose heart in the 1960s, when the expressway did what expressways do, slicing through the churchyard, the parish, the neighborhood. But most of the decline at St. Bridget's, as at many urban parishes, came from other causes, notably population shifts, the emigration of old parishioners and the immigration of new residents, including non-Catholics and Catholics who are less attached to the traditional practices. Other religious communities experienced such change, as well. Jonathan Sarna and Ellen Smith in their illustrated book *The Jews of Boston* (1995) depict how the Jewish community there lost its intactness in a new diaspora. They quote a midrash: “A community and a family are similar to a pile of stones: if you remove one stone, the pile becomes shaky.” The past four decades or so saw the removal of thousands of stones and the tumbling of huge piles in many neighborhoods.

The old Protestant congregations led the way to the suburbs, with Catholics and Jews following in their path. On Chicago's west side 50 years ago there were more than 200 Jewish institutions—synagogues and the like. Twenty years later there were none. The city's Catholic archdiocese has closed more than 75 parishes since 1986. Many left-behind Catholic buildings now lead a born-again life with non-Catholic African-American, Asian-American, or Latino congregations. The closings and demolitions of largely white Catholic churches in the cities reveal much about the larger fate of Church, religion, city, and nation.

WHAT HAS been lost with these churches and parishes? To begin with, an aesthetic change occurs when parishes close. Here I'm not speaking in terms of “decline” or “improvement,” but simply of change, which has complex effects. Grant that many of the new, suburban church structures possess more architectural integrity than did



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Little Italy, New York City, 1956

most of their predecessors in “the old neighborhood.” Still, the grand closed buildings had style—and stories. St. Bridget’s Irish-American stalwarts used to brag that theirs was the only Lombardy Romanesque church building on this continent, that the design originated with Irish monks who migrated to Italy.

In most major U.S. cities there are Catholic edifices that a scholar of architecture would pronounce dreadful (though a student of material culture or folk art might counter, “They’re so bad they’re good”). Decorated with mediocre stained glass, crowded with overwrought niches, kitsch paintings, and saccharine saints’ statues they may be, but these buildings have a power over memory that draws even lapsed members back for a last visit when their closings loom. Can one picture being nostalgic for the newer buildings—the sort that the theologian Joseph Sittler called “suburban dress shoppe church architecture?”

CATHOLIC COMMUNICANTS left the cities for the pastures to which the expressways led but where closeness and tradition do not so easily thrive. As students of U.S. parish history know, most Catholic churches rose from the plantings of pennies-per-week offerings by struggling laborers. Participation by Christians and other religious people in charitable, voluntary, associational life is both a familiar sign and major contributor of benevolence in our republic. The emptying out of urban Catholic parishes, the closing of their schools, and the dispersal of their leadership and followers means at best that new channels for good works must be discovered or invented. Most urban Catholics who drift off into individualized modes of “spirituality” are not likely to link up again for charitable purposes.

To borrow a term from Father Divine, a black leader of many decades ago, parishes “tangibilificate” the Church. The One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church for most

believers is a remote ideal compared to the parish, where the ways and beliefs of Catholicism become palpable, even olfactorily memorable. Philosopher Ernest Gellner has written appreciatively that “traditional cultures” emit odors, something lacking in modern cultures. The banquets, sodality gatherings, and weddings in city parishes differ from the sanitized suburban variants, and as a visitor one can discern this on first inhalation.

The late Joseph Kitagawa, a scholar of Buddhism, observed that Catholicism is a complicated network of dogmas and laws and liturgies. To most practicing Catholics, however, the Church as mediated through the parish comes across as a complex web of practices, customs, and behaviors through which faith gets expressed. Therein lies much of the beauty of healthy parishes, and why to my ears the word “parochial” is a pleasing, not pejorative, term: Here at *this* altar is where the once-young couple was married. Here in *this* gym their grandparents learned to shoot baskets and met at a dance. There under *that* statue is the brass plate identifying the donors, an immigrant couple who made America, Chicago, Bridgeport their second home. There above *this* altar is the window whose rendering of a biblical story was stamped on the minds of children. And there in *those* pews sat young students who became priests—as two-score of St. Bridgetites did in Chicago.

When I was young I wrote books critical of chumminess, of the huddling, meeting of like-with-like in parishes. I argued that we should seek new forms of mission through which more Christians would become alert to the need for justice and find instruments for pursuing it. I still hold to the

point, but the years have also brought another perspective. Urban parishes that remain open through waves of immigration and neighborhood change are also the places where old-timers meet newcomers and friendships develop. What Boston University’s Peter Berger calls “mediating structures” exist there, to soften the blows of change, to mitigate deteriorating services and schools, and to help people counter the loneliness that comes with isolation in urban life. Closing a parish means blighting such friendships and mediations.

Fr. Gerald O'Reilly of Chicago's St. Laurence Catholic Church, which closed last summer, said at the time: “I know that we are going to lose a lot of souls . . . some to Protestant churches, some to the comfort of their living room La-Z-boy chairs, and some even to Farrakhan’s mosque, which is just a short distance from here.” This Protestant does not like to think of souls being “lost” to us. Yet O'Reilly's forecast of trends seems accurate.

Whoever cares about the Church and the city, the soul and the spirit, has to hope that within the changes Catholicism in America has undergone there can be resurrection. We will not again see “the Church confident,” or “the Church triumphant,” but we can hope to see the Church well-poised to help gather people of God on their pilgrimage to the eternal city, inspiring them to help build a more humane temporal city along the way.

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# Persuasion

**AN ANTI-ABORTION LAWYER PRESENTS HER CASE**

**BY WILLIAM BOLE**

Several U.S. Catholic bishops created a stir in 2004 by declaring that Catholic politicians who support abortion rights would be ineligible to receive Holy Communion. Suddenly, Catholics were debating questions like whether the souls of such politicians are properly disposed toward reception of the Eucharist, whether it is a mortal sin for the faithful to vote for pro-choice candidates, and what the suitable penalties should be for public figures who deviate

from their Church's stance. But in the end, the public heard little in the way of pro-life arguments by bishops, apart from the ultimatums of a few.

This was an irony not lost on the majority of prelates. The matter of communion “became the issue that everyone understood—or thought they understood,” Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington, D.C., lamented in a talk at Boston College on March 3. “The denial of Holy

Communion became the focal point of the discussion—not the defense of human life and the dignity of the human person.” Even the cardinal, in his lecture, did not have leisure to say much about abortion as such. His business at BC was to argue against entangling the Eucharist in politics, especially single-issue politics.

One person who has this leisure, this vocation, is Helen M. Alvaré. Her work with the Church reaches back 18 years, beginning when she was 26 and serving as a legal counsel for the bishops’ conference in Washington, D.C. She became the conference’s pro-life spokesperson in 1990, holding that post for 10 years, until she walked across Michigan Avenue to begin her professorial career at the Catholic University of America’s Columbus School of Law. On March 16, Alvaré delivered a public lecture titled “A Commitment to Life,” sponsored by BC’s Church in the 21st Century Initiative and the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry.

THE EVENT, in McGuinn Hall, garnered no next-day coverage in the *Boston Globe*, as the cardinal’s talk had. Even so, Alvaré’s presentation was a sign that the art of persuasion is still alive in the Church’s pro-life ranks, and that some prominent Catholics are still advancing arguments with empirical evidence that might appeal to people of differing faiths or no faith.

“There is a way of speaking about abortion that does not drive people crazy,” explained Alvaré, and for the next hour and a half she moved about the front of the lecture room, briskly attacking her subject. With a wireless microphone and not so much as an index card in hand, she marshaled a host of data, opinion-poll findings, and snippets of Supreme Court opinions.

One of Alvaré’s beefs is with boilerplate accounts of the high court’s 1973 ruling, *Roe v. Wade*. The usual rendering is that the court legalized abortion in the first three or perhaps six months of pregnancy, allowing later abortions only to protect the mother’s health. Alvaré’s message is: Read the fine print. In an accompanying decision, *Doe v. Bolton*, the justices defined health so expansively as to cover (in their words) “all factors—physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman’s age”—effectively spanning the realm of possible circumstances. This is what pro-life activists mean by abortion on demand, although pro-choice advocates say abortion services are hard to come by in many communities across the country.

“I remember sitting down with reporters in the 1980s and 1990s, showing them the cases, and they couldn’t believe it,” Alvaré said of the broad exception. “So, *Roe* is . . . all abortions at all times.”

She tossed out some polling factoids, such as the finding that just 13 percent of the public believes abortion should be legal in every circumstance. Put another way, little more

than a tenth of the citizenry consents to “the law we’re living under,” argued the law professor in summation of her point. (Abortion polls themselves are a subject of contention. A recent Harris survey put the pro-choice-in-every-instance figure at 23 percent.)

By most accounts, the controversy over “partial-birth” abortion, known medically as “intact dilation and extraction,” has helped to steer popular opinion in a somewhat pro-life direction recently. Alvaré had three words for those who are untroubled by this procedure—“Location, location, location. The child is not even inside the mother,” Alvaré noted of these abortions, which take place after the unborn child has been partially pulled from the womb. “This is not like abortion,” she said. “This is more like homicide.”

After such a stinging critique of the legal status quo, it might be surprising to hear Alvaré say, “I don’t think the law is the most important thing.” She turned her audience’s attention to other factors, including low education levels, low income, and low marriage rates, behind the million or more abortions each year in America. She also examined cultural attitudes that question the value of marriage and family.

“It seems to me that abortion is getting tied up with all of this,” Alvaré said, noting that poor and minority women are more likely than others to get abortions. “It leads me to think that if we could intervene at any of these points—education, jobs, income, ideas about marriage and family—then we might also make a break in the number of abortions.”

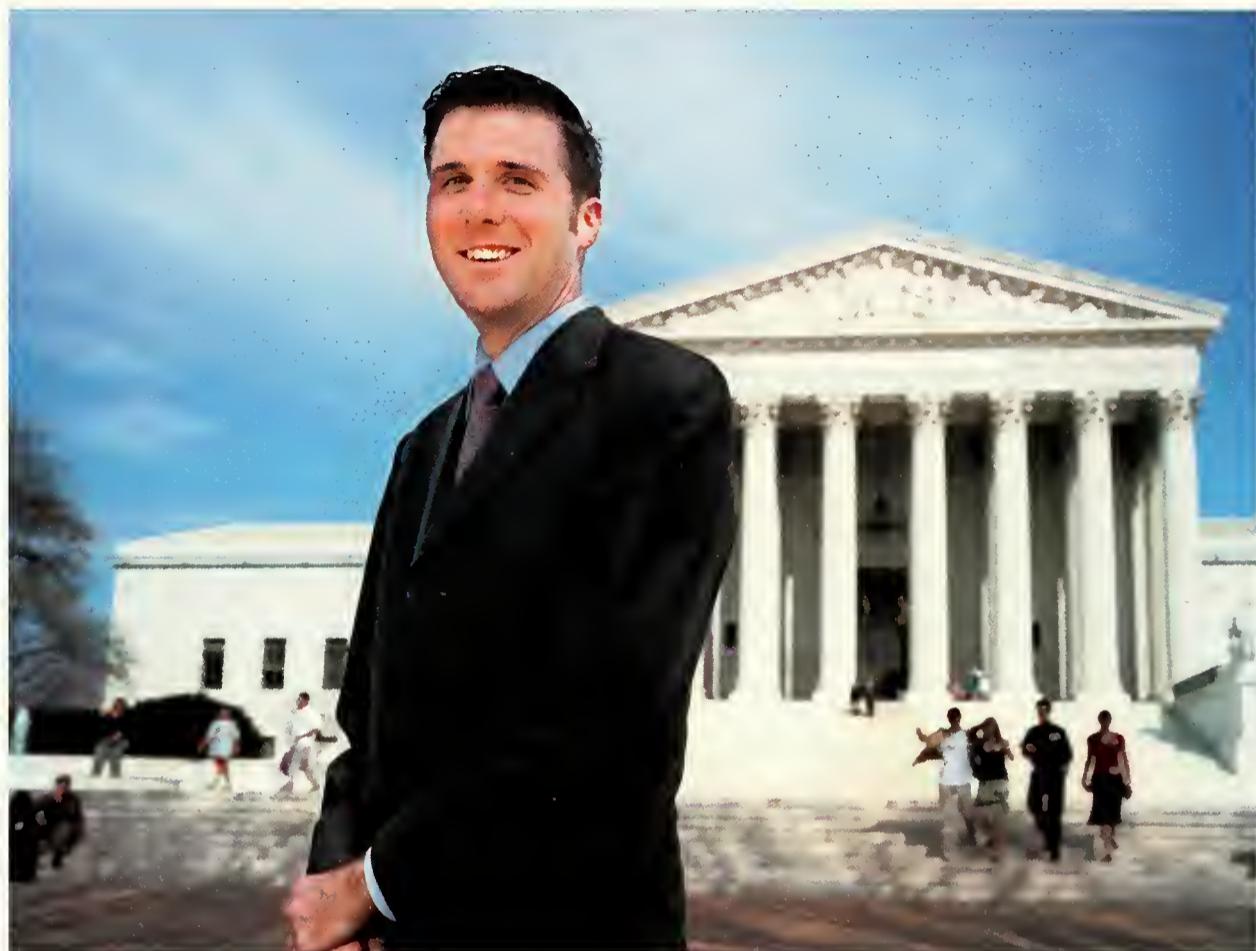
After the formal presentation, conversation turned to other remedies to abortion, particularly adoption. But it was Alvaré’s legal points that made a singular impression on John Shea, a visiting theology professor and Augustinian priest who spoke from the back of the room. He told Alvaré that he found her presentation “disturbing,” elaborating, “I get this sense that you’re looking for salvation by legislation and politics.” After Alvaré drew him into discussion, Shea shifted his fire toward the bishops, asserting that their thrust on the issue has been to coerce rather than persuade. Alvaré respectfully disagreed, although she acknowledged that the tactic of denying communion was indeed unlikely to “persuade people toward pro-life opinion.”

That evening, Alvaré herself could have persuaded only so many people; fewer than 60 seats were filled in the hall. Nonetheless, her lecture might enjoy a good run on the Web. A video of the event may be viewed at BC’s Front Row website, [www.bc.edu/frontrow](http://www.bc.edu/frontrow).

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# Legal aide

Supreme Court clerk James P. Dowden '97, JD '00



There are approximately 1,084,500 practicing lawyers in the United States, and every year the Supreme Court Justices may name four apiece to serve as their clerks. James P. Dowden began his 12-month term as a clerk with Justice Stephen Breyer last July.

The first lawyer in his New Jersey family, Dowden graduated from BC Law at the top of his class and then clerked for Judge Anthony J. Scirica in the U.S. Court of Appeals. As most who seek the job do, he applied for a Supreme Court clerkship to all nine justices; only Breyer interviewed him. Dowden met the justice at his home near Boston: "You can't imagine how overwhelming it was to knock on his door."

Now Dowden, a former Ropes & Gray litigator and visiting professor at BC Law, shares an office with a fellow clerk and a secretary in the court's marble building. His massive desk is topped with stacks of leather-bound books and four half-finished cups of tea. Behind him, an imposing wooden door leads to Breyer's chambers. The door is often open.

The work that goes on between justices and their clerks is confidential. "As a law student, you pore over these jus-

ties' words," says Dowden, "and now you're on the other side, serving as their sounding boards and advisors." Like the justices, the clerks have their own dining hall, to prevent the public from eavesdropping on conversations. (They also have access to the building's attic basketball court, dubbed "the highest court in the land.") According to Dowden, clerks work with the justices through every step of the legal process but the penultimate one, when the judges assemble in private to arrive at a decision. Clerks draft memoranda to help the judges decide which cases to take and summary "bench memos" to prepare the court for the petitions it has chosen. On occasion when an emergency case comes in—a last-minute petition for a stay of execution, say—Dowden may be up most of the night researching and writing.

Some 8,000 cases arrive annually at the court. "Many are handwritten by people representing themselves—often prisoners," says Dowden. The court will hear fewer than 100. But, says Dowden, "Even the smallest dispute gets read by someone here."

*Cara Feinberg*

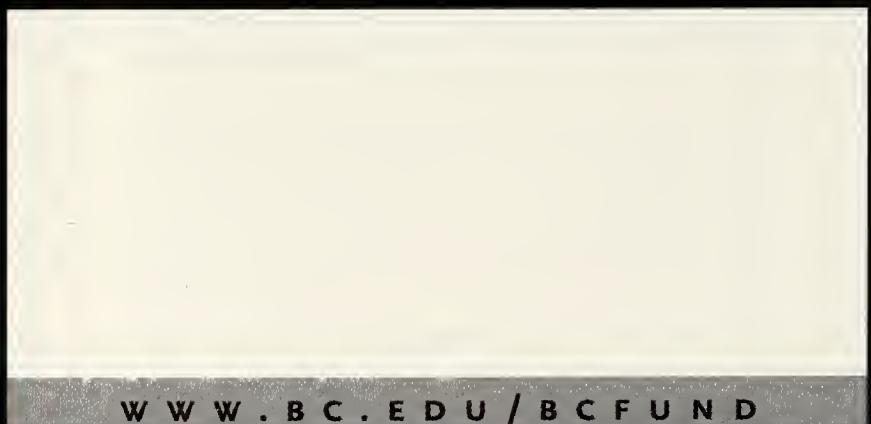


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